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## GET SET FOR GEOVANI

By  
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Geovani Silva is destined to become one of the greatest players in history.

And Australian football fans will see him play for Vasco Da Gama against Udinese, Tottenham Hotspur and the Socceroos next month.

The great Zico, who has transferred from Udinese to Flamengo of Brazil, says: "Geovani has enormous talent."

"He's the one player I see in our game today who could finish his career with a reputation similar to Pele, Garrincha, Falcão or Socrates." Ask Fabio Incantalupe, Frank Farina, Joe Rizzotto or Tommy McCulloch about Geovani.

They marvelled at his talent during the 1983 World Youth Championships in Mexico.

Brazil beat Argentina 1-0 in the final, and it was Geovani who scored the winning goal.

He then won the Golden Ball trophy as the best player of the tournament, and the Golden Boot as top scorer, with six goals.

Geovani 21, was discovered by Flavio Costa, Brazil's manager when it finished second in the 1980 World Cup.



• Geovani Silva (centre) has just scored the goal that gave Brazil its 1-0 victory over Argentina in the final of the 1983 World Youth Championship in Mexico. He is congratulated by Heitor Camarin Junior (left) and Paulo Roberto Ferreira Primo (right). Geovani will come to Australia with Brazilian club Vasco Da Gama for the series against Spurs, Udinese and the Socceroos next month.

• More about the series on page 2.

The young star joined Vasco Da Gama in 1982 and, later that year, inspired

Brazil to victory in the South American youth championship.

## Bergerers to turn tide?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey believes the tide is about to turn. We'll see how right he is on Sunday at Olympic Village at 3pm when South Melbourne Hellas and Heidelberg Alexander meet in the big top-of-the-table clash in the Southern Division.

Hellas beat Heidelberg four times last year and kicked off the most successful year in its NSL history by winning the Buffalo Gold Cup.

Heidelberg hopes to emulate Hellas. It started in style by crushing Melbourne Croatia 5-1 in this year's Gold Cup final.

Should Heidelberg triumph on Sunday, there will be no happier man at Olympic Village than midfielder George Christopoulos, recently returned to the Heidelberg side and lining up here against his former team.

Heidelberg still claims it

would have beaten Hellas in last year's Southern Division final had sweeper Charlie Yankos not been sent off. Heidelberg was leading 2-1 at the time but Hellas rallied and won 4-2, earning a crack at the national final and subsequently downing Sydney Olympic 4-2 on aggregate.

The memory of that Southern Division final still lives in the minds of most Heidelberg players and they'll get their chance here for revenge.

But I'm tipping Hellas. Big games bring out the best in this Hellas side, as well



• Yankos

• Brown

drilled any in the land, and striker Doug Brown is sure to have a change of luck soon and hit the goal trail.

Garvey often sings the praises of Hellas striker Charlie Egan. Rightly so, for the ever-alert Egan never stops running, always sniffs about the goalmouth, and is one of the hardest players to contain in Australian soccer.

And Hellas's big signing this year, Gary McDowell, combined with Carl Halford, Oscar Crino and Kenny Murphy, gives Hellas an outstanding midfield combination.

They'll be pitted against Theo Seferidis, Mike Valentini, perhaps Steve Tasios, and Christopoulos. That's if Garvey opts to use four in midfield. It would surprise if Garvey decides to use a 4-3-3 formation with Scott Patterson, Steve Winn and Stuart Stevenson up front but maybe he'll try to throw Hellas out of its stride in what would be a bold move.

We'll have to wait until Sunday to find out and Garvey's decision could be the most significant factor in what should be a tremendous, no-holds-barred clash.

This should be one of the finest games of the year, and it will be featured on SBS-TV on Monday night at 6pm.

## Crino, Patikas now key men

Stand by to see Jim Patikas and Oscar Crino, neither of whom figured strongly in the international tournament last June, as crucial members of the new national squad soon to be announced by Frank Arok.

Crino, says Arok, was always uppermost in the national coach's calculations. He skipped most of the June series because of work commitments he took part in the end-of-season national team tour which proved most profitable for his World Cup chances.

"Oscar is easily one of our most valuable players," says Arok, "because he is so multi-talented."

"Apart from his obvious technical gifts — his passing ability and his brain — he dribbles well and, above all, knows how to score with head and foot."

"There were, to be truthful, problems with his work rate. But he told me they were due to soreness in his legs. The soreness is gone and he runs as freely as he ever did."

The permanent sight of Crino in the Australian midfield is indeed an exciting prospect but so would be a regular spot for Jimmy Patikas.

The new Patikas, that is, of Sydney Croatia, for I must confess I had not been an indiscriminate fan of his. When he was mid-fielding, with Sydney Hakoah and Olympic, I rather agreed with Tommy Docherty's observation that, coming from behind towards a wall of defenders, Patikas never knew when to release the ball and seemed to run, dumbly, straight into them. But having seen how he is now being exploited by Croatia, this is a new Patikas — a striker who waits hungrily to pounce on the long ball from deep, mostly Vedran Rozic.

Patikas's three main assets, in the right order, are his quickness off the mark, his control and his finishing.

Standing between defenders awaiting the long ball, his quickness is a devastating advantage against the bulkier, slower defenders who first have to turn around before chasing to catch him. His second goal in Croatia's recent home game against Inter Monara was a superb and perfectly executed example.

The play needs Vedran Rozic as much as it needs Patikas. Indeed, I would not shy away from saying that without Rozic and Patikas, and with the greatest respect to Odzakovic, Savor, Kovacic



LES MURRAY

and the other talented players in the Croatia camp, today's Croatia would be similar to last year's.

People have criticised the Croatia style. Among others, Marco's Peter Tredinnick said as early as the first round that if what they do is football "then I don't want to play it".

But there is the old adage that one should play to his strengths and the superb accuracy of Rozic's long passes and the explosive speed of Patikas are, at the moment, Croatia's match-winning assets.

Frank Arok describes it all as similar to what Hajduk Split has been doing in Yugoslavia, from where Rozic hails and which would explain why it is being used by Croatia.

It is essentially a counter-attacking game based on the long ball to Hajduk's quicksilver Zlatko Vujovic.

Which brings me back to the national team and Patikas's part in it.

Arok says Patikas is likely to be used for his peculiar value in away games. It is there where Patikas's versatility can be used and where the game is likely to be based on the counter-attack.

By way of another conclusion, the ascent of Jimmy Patikas into strong national team calculations may coincide with the demise, at least for the moment, of Frank Farina.

Farina, too, boasts devastating speed and acceleration as his main asset but he lacks the control and finishing qualities of Patikas.

And, though they don't quite play and fit the same roles either at club or national level, I would hazard a guess that Frank Arok would go for Patikas if he had to choose between them.

Unless Farina improved on his control and shooting and began to score the goals he has not yet been scoring for the national team.

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# Dynamite plays on for love of his Jurema

Roberto Dynamite's world blew up a year ago. When you see him scoring goals for Vasco Da Gama against Spurs, Udinese and the Socceros next month, you will see a man who still bears deep emotional scars.

Not that they show in the way he plays. The Brazilian international striker would have been excused for quitting altogether, but he decided to play on as a tribute to his love, Jurema. Born Carlos Roberto de Oliveira, he was nicknamed Dynamite by the Brazilian paper "Jornal dos Sports" after scoring a sensational goal in his debut for Vasco Da Gama against Internacional on November 15, 1971.

He met Jurema, a 24-year-

## Makedonia fuming

• Preston Makedonia is up in arms over what it claims is "discrimination" against its under 12 team.

Its coach, Bill Novacevski, said this week: "The top two teams in the under 11C section last year were supposed to be promoted to under 12B section this year."

"However, Makedonia, was not promoted, even though we finished second. Instead, only the top team, Yarraville, and the third team, Moreland, went up."

"The way I see it, it is pure discrimination against our kids."



• Roberto Dynamite (front row, centre) with the Brazilian national team in January 1982, from left, standing: Valdir Peres, Eder, Oscar, Baltazar Maria de Moraes, Cerezo, Junior. Front: Paolo Isidoro, Socrates, Dynamite, Zico, Mario Sergio Pontes Coimbra.

old widow with a young son, on a bus trip to Rio a few months after that game. A year passed before they met again at a dance festival, but they soon were inseparable. Roberto's family was bitterly opposed to the relationship, so much so that his father almost came to blows with Jurema's brother at a game soon after the couple had run off to get married. Roberto went home in distress and took too many sleeping pills. He was rushed to hospital for emergency treatment, but insisted later: "It wasn't a suicide attempt. I just wasn't getting any sleep because of the upset. I wanted a long rest — just to get a break from the world for a few hours."

Time gradually healed those family wounds. And Jurema became more than a wife, she became Roberto's business manager too. That a woman should break through into a position of influence in male-dominated Brazilian football was not always appreciated.

Critics spread whispering campaigns that it was her "supernatural" powers which led to Roberto being called up to the 1978 and 1982 World Cup finals squads at the last minute, each time because of injuries first to Nunes, then to Careca.

Then, in 1983, Jurema fell ill with kidney trouble. Roberto went into temporary retirement to look after her, then



• Roberto Dynamite (right) in action for Brazil against England in Rio in 1977.

began playing again after it had been decided she should await treatment in hospital in Boston.

A transplant was one possibility. More than 100 Vasco fans came forward to offer their kidneys. Roberto set aside the agreed \$80,000 income from his new contract with Vasco to pay hospital costs.

But the money was never needed. While undergoing minor surgery during dialysis in a Rio hospital, Jurema died. More than 5000 people, including the entire playing squad of Vasco Da Gama, attended her funeral.

Announcing he would play on, Roberto said: "Jurema would expect it."

## Pastoral, proletarian and picturesque, but should they be playing in NSL?

In soccer we tend to jump to tempting and often wrong conclusions. That, I guess, has been partly the reason for our century-long curse, our eternal place in the Australian sporting purgatory.

While filling my lungs with good country air at Cook Park, St Mary's — Penrith's home ground — I thought I'd discovered an elusive piece of truth: Penrith has no chance of surviving precisely because it is based in a rural area.

The 350 or so wildly enthusiastic spectators sunning themselves in that pastoral tranquility seemed to confirm this.

People who live in big cottages, hundreds of metres from one another, often separated by small ranches, grazing cows and sheep with a confused look, well, they are farmers, not soccer fans. That much for Penrith, I thought.

Blacktown is different; Blacktown is working class, industrial and dense, perfect as a football-supporting area. There can be little else in Blacktown to do; there are no St Kildas or Double Bays with bouquies, espresso grills in leather pants and no seaside corsos.

Yet, the people of Blacktown don't go to soccer either; about 500 turned up to see 'exotic' Newcastle.

So there goes my theory about rural areas and working class suburbs...

But, perhaps, there is a common denominator in all this. Both Penrith and Blacktown are so-called 'district' clubs, leftovers from our soccer past when ethnic clubs didn't exist or if they did, had to be hidden behind phony names for the sake of Anglo-Saxon propriety.

Cook Park is in a truly pleasant, picturesque setting. Some friends who'd been there earlier with their various teams had "warned" me about that 'dump' in the middle of nowhere.

Malicious distortion of facts, that is.

St Mary's or at least the part where Cook Park lies is pretty, green and tree-lined. The ground itself is a cross between Marconi Stadium (without the club house and grandstand) and Englefield, Dural (with more open space added). Facilities are fair for players, spectators and officials.

True, it's a long way from Sydney; from the North Shore it took me 40 minutes of driving both ways. Another 20 minutes or so and I would have been in the Blue Mountains. Blacktown isn't much closer

## Brush with death can't stop Bettenga

Roberto Bettenga, who will guest with Udinese in the international series against Vasco Da Gama, Spurs and Australia next month, had a brush with death in a car accident late last year.

His car spun off the road, into a field, near the northern Italian town of Novara.

At first it was feared he had a broken skull.

On the Sunday it was announced: "There is no brain damage. He is out of danger."

Bettenga, 34, and greyer than ever, spent months recuperating, and was unable to take up an offer to join Udinese. His form in Australia no doubt will determine whether Udinese still see value in the former international who scored 19 goals in 42 games for Italy.

Reports of car crashes in Italy tend to create instant alarm among football fans.

UEFA president Artemio Frenchi, one-time secretary of Fiorentina, died in a car crash just over a year ago.

Top coach Gigi Radice was seriously injured, and his former Milan team-mate Paolo Barison killed in a motorway accident four years ago.

Back in the 60s, Torino's foreign stars Joe Baker and Denis Law were hurt in car crashes, and then Luigi Meroni — one of Italy's most talented forwards — was killed when he tried to cross the road in the rain.

Fiorentina's Vincenzo Guerini had both legs broken in a crash in 1976.

And now Bettenga, who still thanks his lucky stars that the accident at Novara was not more serious.

He had spent two seasons with Toronto Blizzard in the North American Soccer League, reaching the championship play-offs both times.

But it was at Juventus, of course, that Bettenga became one of the world's top forwards.

His career however, almost ended when he contracted a mild form of tuberculosis in 1971. "I'll never play again," he told Juventus president Giampiero Boniperti, but after the recuperation, Boniperti provided Bettenga with a special coach for extra training and for the next 10 years he was a regular for both Juventus and Italy.

In the 1978 World Cup in Argentina, Italy defeated the home country with a 67th minute goal by Bettenga and went on to finish fourth in the competition.

Injury caused him to miss Italy's World Cup win in 1982, but he did win a UEFA Cup medal in 1977, thanks to his away goal against Bilbao in the two-leg final.

His last game for Juventus

was against Hamburg in the 1983 European Cup final in Athens, but the glory went to Hamburg, which won with a goal by Felix Magath.

Craig Johnston of Liverpool also will guest with Udinese. He is tipped to transfer soon to Chelsea.



Roberto Bettenga

## THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN

• Match assignments took me to Penrith and Blacktown on two recent Sundays. This is the story of those intrepid journeys.

neighbours, exactly 26 kilometres from Chatswood or about 50 km from Sydney, give or take one for shortcuts.

The area and the ground are not quite as picturesque as at Cook's Park but have slightly more amenities and facilities, such as a big social club nearby and a row of benches at the ground. Both grounds have parking for more cars than they will ever need.

What struck me forcibly is that neither venue has any true soccer 'atmosphere.' They both remind you of a village ground somewhere in Europe where amateurs muck around for the love of the game, watched by their families.

At both grounds there were quite a few women with babies in strollers, families sprawling on a rug in the grass, having a pleasant picnic; life-like replicas of a Renoir painting.

That's all very lovely — but not at football grounds. You don't see it — or miss it — at Nou Camp, San Siro, Volkspark or anywhere else where serious football is played; there it's pushing crowds, mildly controlled aggression, noise, color, football fever — a tribal war in the making.

Soccer, despite what the poor Americans had thought before they went broke, isn't a family entertainment.

Both St Mary's and Blacktown permeate an atmosphere which takes you back, without nostalgia, to the 1950s when all Sydney grounds were like that: Canterbury, Bankstown, Auburn, Gladesville, the lot.

What's worse, neither team has any support to speak of: there are no ardent Penrith and Blacktown supporters, no chants, no nervous tension off the field. Nobody is prepared to brawl for his team; perhaps they should consider importing those hundreds of passionate British 'fans' who are banned by their clubs there for rowdiness...

At Blacktown an 'atmosphere' is meant to be created with the presence of eight little marching girls who don't even march but prance around with oversized pompons; it's all very awkward and embarrassing to watch them move around mutely, without music, only to a whistle, like sheepdog at obedience trials.

That sort of promotion — performed without even the slightest recognition or applause from the 'crowd' — is better dropped and I mean no disrespect to the lovely young ladies, their families or the club's highly honorable intentions. Please don't ring me about this.

Now, for the teams. Under conditions like these,

in a 'family' atmosphere, it would be a miracle to produce a really top team. Frankly, I doubt if either club is ambitious enough to do it.

Both, I somehow suspect, harbor some old resentment against ethnic clubs — Blacktown more openly than Penrith — not willing to concede that a major soccer league with Penriths and Blacktowns would be deadly dull, a promoter's nightmare.

The question is: is there room for such outlying district clubs, is there a future for them, can they survive?

Personally, I seriously doubt that Penrith will be with us for very much longer in the NSL. Without steady support from either an ethnic group or a profitable social club, they will find it impossible to maintain a semi-pro setup.

A pity, in a way, but almost unavoidable, unless they can drastically and quickly redesign their circumstances.

Blacktown can go on much longer — as long as the club membership feels it's worth it and is prepared to take almost every spare penny from social club and kick it towards soccer.

Frankly, my view is they would be infinitely better off in the State League. But it's not my decision.

Neither team can have any genuine aspirations for success on the field.

Both will score some 'shock' wins, like Penrith's over the Slickers but neither will dazzle us with their brand of soccer. They are honest, hard-working, tradesman-like teams; piano removalists rather than piano players.

If we did have a National League of continental proportions — at least the type that existed in 1977-83 — neither Penrith nor Blacktown would be able to survive in it.

With this divided, pseudo-national set up (what's national about the Sydney division without an interstate team in it?) both can achieve some sort of a middle class status and survive just as long as the league does.

Which, of course, is another story altogether...

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# ROZIC

By ALEX VESIC

Vedran Rozic is 32 years young. As player, coach and captain of Sydney Croatia, he has seen his side surge to the top of the Northern Division ladder after some of the finest displays by an NSL side since the inception of the league.

Potentially Croatia is the greatest crowd-pulling side in Sydney, but for years that potential was untapped.

Its supporters have not always come through the turnstiles in droves the way they have this year. Success in the State League was not sufficient. The crowd was not particularly interested in cheering the champions, because champions are special only at the very top of the football tree — the National League.

As the '85 season started it looked like Croatia again would struggle to achieve parity with the best.

Vedran Rozic, Croatia's costly import, was sidelined because of an administrative mix-up between the Yugoslav Football Association and his former club, Hajduk Split.

Croatia was beaten by Wollongong in the Cup and in the League and in between was lucky to get a draw in the dying seconds against Marconi at the Croatia Sports Centre.

Then Lady Luck finally decided to smile.

Rozic received his clearance through the ASF and was slotted back into the side. A reshuffling took place and some expensive players who had been recruited locally in 1984 were given the go-ahead to look for alternative employment.

Success came almost overnight with some scintillating performances from the tri-colors. Newcastle, mighty Hakoah, resolute St George-Budapest and enthusiastic Inter-Monaro were unable to prevent four successive wins by Croatia.

Has all this been a sign of things to come? Has Croatia found that magic touch which makes champions? Rozic, still seething from that long absence from the Park, feels it could be the year of Croatia.

"We are getting there. A lot of things had to change in order to create a successful side. At present our results are good but we still have a long way to go," he said.

**Zarko Odzakovic and Jim Patikas are two players who have contributed a lot to Croatia's success. Do you think that their part in this year's competition will be sufficient to see you win the title?**

ROZIC: Both players have a lot to contribute yet. Odzakovic is a complete player but it will take him another four to six weeks to attain full physical fitness. Patikas has a lot to give but he also hasn't to date given half as much as I think he can. His starting speed is immense, his general speed is a tremendous asset and let's not forget he has a very good shot with either foot. But he is still so young, and his enthusiasm gets the better of him. He wants to shoot hard all the time. Sometimes it is better to chip or place your shot rather than hit the ball with all your might. But I am pleased with him. He learns fast.

**Q. Does Patikas fit in with your style of play?**

ROZIC: A player fits into any style of play if there is a position which suits his style. You cannot make a left striker out of a goalkeeper and in that sense Patikas has found his new role with our team suitable to his abilities. His further development also depends on the satisfaction he gets out of playing. Consequently, if he is playing to his capacity and developing, then he will be happy to continue to progress. In turn Croatia will benefit.

**Q. In a game against St George an incident with the ball, involving you and Robbie Slater, prompted the crowd to applaud. You flicked the ball with the heel of the left foot, leaving Slater stranded. One of my colleagues in the Press box was quick to ask if you would be available for the Australian national team.**

ROZIC: Of course not. I have had my international days and I wish to spend time to develop my own style as a coach.

**Q. Is Odzakovic good enough to fit into the Australian national team and is he naturalised?**

ROZIC: Odzakovic will be naturalised soon and I am sure he would fit in with any Australian national side. He is an exceptional player.

**Q. What about other players at Croatia?**

ROZIC: There are so many talented players in the

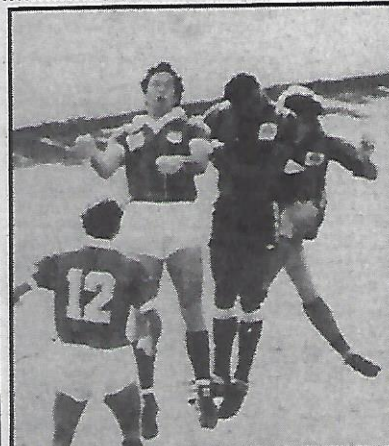
## Building a new Hajduk at Croatia



• Wally Savor



• Tom Basic



• Rozic (second from left) heads away from Brennan and Willox in a game against Inter-Monaro.



• Eddie Krncevic (right) — in action for Marconi against Billy Rogers of SM-Hellas. Is he Croatia-bound?



• From left: Horst Hrubesch (West Germany), Michel Platini (France) and Hans-Peter Briegel (West Germany). Rozic names them among the World's greatest.

side: Marijan Kovacic, Drago Rezo, Wally Savor, Bruno Vidalic, Tom Basic just to name a few. The basic skills are there, but the important thing is whether they accept that every day of their career, they'll have to learn something new.

**Q. You played with Hajduk Split for 11 years. Do you think the Hajduk's style of play could be transferred to Croatia through the talent at your disposal?**

ROZIC: Why not? After all, we are playing against Inter-Monaro and not Inter Milan, St George and not Honved. Not that I believe the standard in Australia is that much lower than in Europe. A few notches lower, of course, but I believe I have the material to introduce the style which should bring success.

**Q. What particular style do you wish to play?**

ROZIC: Entertaining; full of goals.

**Q. Last year was not so entertaining. How do you intend to change it all in '85?**

ROZIC: We must go back to the basics. I did not have the players to perform creative, entertaining football. With the introduction of Odzakovic and Patikas things have changed. We played a lot of high balls into the area last year, looking for Graham Arnold. That has changed because we now have the players to employ a new concept. Speed of movement is essential.

**Q. Do you intend to speed up the game as they do in England?**

ROZIC: The speed in England is enormous, but constant. Hence the element of surprise is lost. Game speed must vary to keep the opponent guessing. What we must succeed at is speed of movement with the ball. Carrying the ball for too long must be eradicated if we want to get into shooting positions within three or four seconds.

**Q. Croatia's supporters are among the most vocal in the NSL. What is their contribution to your success?**

ROZIC: To be successful you must have strong support. To be able to play attractive soccer, full of enthusiasm, fire and energy a large crowd is essential. Terraces full to the hilt offer prompt creativity. Our supporters are certainly a good tonic for our players. By the same token our players must learn to play before a hostile crowd — the one which is going to barrack for the other side. I have played before 90,000 or 100,000 crowds and I know how it feels but for some of my players even a crowd of 10,000 could be traumatic.

**Q. It is being suggested that at Croatia the administration gets involved in "coaching", hence so many coaching changes at Croatia. Do you have a free choice of players as well as selection?**

ROZIC: It is the condition of every professional that he be left alone in his choice of players and play. If you can't afford the players at least you will be able to choose, free of any interference, any line-up you like. I certainly have all the freedom I want with team selection at Croatia.

**Q. Are you contracted to Croatia for the duration of your stay in Australia?**

ROZIC: I am contracted to Croatia at present and I have long-term plans with the youth of the club. However, I did not come to Australia on a one or two-year contract. I have migrated with my family and we intend to make our home here. As for my long-term involvement, I believe one should choose a club and stay with it. That is the only way the club can succeed in the long run.

**Q. Do you already have a youth policy at the club?**

ROZIC: Buying players year after year is ex-

pensive. Most successful clubs throughout the world have their own nurseries. Very few clubs have the ability to pay astronomical transfer fees for class players but the clubs that do generally are successful. We have drafted Zdenko Kafka to coach our youth team and watch out for any outstanding player who could provide us with long-term stability and depth in the ranks. Zdenko is a competent coach. It is to be hoped that in a few years his efforts produce players our senior team can use.

**Q. There has been a lot of talk about Eddie Krncevic returning to Australia. Would you like to see him playing for Croatia?**

ROZIC: We certainly had a few talks with him and as far as I know, our president still is in close contact with him. As far as the club is concerned, I would like to have him play for us but the rest is out of my hands.

**Q. Do you think Krncevic would be successful with Croatia?**

ROZIC: Certainly. I remember him from his days with Dinamo Zagreb. He has now played in Yugoslavia, West Germany and Belgium. He has learnt a lot and there would not be problems in slotting him into our attack.

**Q. What is your biggest problem at the moment?**

ROZIC: Language. My family — wife Vesna and children Marin, Jelena and Vedrana — is going through the same turmoil. It is difficult; certainly far more difficult than any other problem we have had to experience.

**Q. Hajduk, the famous "bili" of Split, has a lot of supporters in Australia. Could you name the best side of Hajduk you have seen or played with?**

ROZIC: I believe the 1973-74 team was the best selection Hajduk has ever put on the park. Don't get me wrong, there had been better individuals before and since but as a team I think we were the best.

**Q. Could you name the side?**

ROZIC: Meskovic — Johnny, Peruzovic, Holcer Rozic — Muzinic, Buljan, Oblak — Zungul, Jerkovic, Surjak.

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## Season over for Sproul?

Gary Sproul, the goalkeeper of West Adelaide Hellas, had an operation last week that is liable to keep him out for the rest of the season.

Sproul twisted a knee in a collision with Gary Ward of Melbourne Croatia. He will be in plaster for six weeks.

Sproul was third-choice goalkeeper at West Ham United before coming to Australia to play for Adelaide Croatia.

The then West Adelaide coach, Alan Vest, signed Sproul from Croatia two and a half years ago when Martyn Crook was injured.

Now Crook is back to replace Sproul. Crook had a hand injury that prevented him from training for three weeks, but was limbering up again in West Adelaide's State League team when Sproul sustained his injury.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

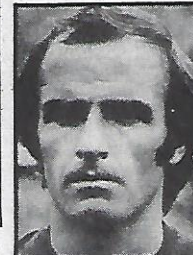
## Sunbury v Juventus

Sunbury (Vic) will meet NSL club Juventus at its home ground, Lagama Park, tomorrow (Thursday).

The senior teams clash at 2.30 pm, followed by a match between Juventus's youth team and Sunbury's reserves at 4.15 pm.



• Slavisa Zurgul



• Brane Oblak

• Sydney Croatia's star recruits Jim Patikas (left) from Sydney Olympic and Zarko Odzakovic from Macedonia. Watch for "Soccer Action's" Special two-page Sydney Croatia feature next week.





# Keegan, Mavros, Ljubic

By LAURIE SCHWAB

This week's National League and National Cup matches, with likely winners in capitals

## VSF Travel

The VSF Travel Club, in conjunction with Ametco Travel, provides a trip to Europe flying Thai International, to the top scorer in the NSL Southern Division.

Leaders:  
0 Egan (SMH),  
6 Stevenson (H'b),  
5 Lewis (GO), Latif (SGC),  
4 Zinni (BUJ), Smith (Mak),  
3 Villani (ACJ), House, Ward (M.Cr), Spink, Cole (Mak).

## Youth games

Victoria Youth League. B. U. Juventus 5 Fawkner 0, St. Melbourne 0 Sunshine G.C. 0, Nunawading City 1 Footscray 2, Preston 1 Heidelberg Utd 2, St. Melbourne 1 Melbourne Croatia 1, Frankston Pines 1 Croynod City 0.

This week's games: Fawkner v Nunawading City, Sunshine G.C. v B. U. Juventus, Heidelberg Utd v St. Melbourne, Melbourne Croatia v Preston, Croynod City v Green Gully, Footscray v Frankston Pines.

### STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Heidelberg Utd.	6	0	1	32	8	12
Preston	5	1	2	23	9	11
B. U. Juventus	4	2	1	26	13	10
Melb. Croatia	4	1	2	13	6	9
Footscray	4	0	3	14	11	8
St. Melbourne	3	2	2	14	12	8
Green Gully	3	1	3	17	9	7
Sunshine G.C.	3	1	3	17	10	7
Fawkner	2	1	4	10	23	5
Nunawading City	1	1	5	4	16	3
Croynod City	1	0	6	3	29	2
Frankston Pines	1	0	6	7	34	2

## National Youth League

Newcastle 2 d Leichhardt 1, Croatia 4 d AIS 1, St. George 4 d Blacktown 3, Canberra 2 d Croatia 1, Marconi 3 d Wollongong 1, Sydney City 2 d Olympic 1, Penrith 2 d Monaro 1.

Pointscore: Canberra 13, Sydney City 12, St. George 10, Newcastle 9, Wollongong 8, Leichhardt 8, AIS 7, Blacktown 7, Croatia 6, Marconi 5, Olympic 5, Monaro 3, Penrith 3.

Ante Ljubic hopes finally to play his first full game for Melbourne Croatia, against battle-wary Makedonia at Olympic Park on Sunday, while Sydney Olympic plans to emulate Blacktown City by inviting the great Thomas Mavros to play guest games here.

Former England captain Kevin Keegan plays the first of two guest games with Blacktown, against Canberra Olympians, at Gabbie Stadium, on Sunday.

Keegan's other game will be against Sydney Croatia at Marconi Stadium at 3.30 pm on Sunday week, preceded by the Marconi-Inter-Monaro fixture.

Olympic president Jim Petinellis said the availability of Mavros, Greece's top scorer at the moment, depended on whether his club, AEK, is involved in European competition in July — the time Olympic plans to have a guest player.

Petinellis said other players were on standby. Melbourne Croatia can move to within one point of Southern Division leadership if Hellas and Heidelberg draw their match at the Olympic Village.

But to do so, it will have to beat Makedonia, and Ljubic will have to show the goalscoring form that made him so deadly with Sibenik in Yugoslavia. Sibenik, incidentally, is the club that also produced Zeljko Jurin of Sydney Croatia and Zeljko Govic, the Melbourne Croatia goalkeeper who has been out injured.

Makedonia will be playing its fourth game in 12 days, as it also meets Olympic in the Cup final tomorrow (Thursday).

Footscray J.U.S.T. is another club hoping to sign a guest player as well as two other players, from Yugoslavia, within the next month. Already seven points inside the relegation zone, J.U.S.T. has to beat West Adelaide Hellas at home this week — and looks capable of doing so, as Zdravko Ljubic had a shot cleared off the line against Lions last Sunday, and Bill Lazopoulos hit the woodwork during a period of J.U.S.T. dominance.

Brunswick-Juventus regains Peter Lewis after suspension for its game against George Cross at Sunshine — and "George" is weakened by the suspension of sweeper Gary Bennett, meaning Steve Chetcuti might get his first NSL match since joining from Moreland.

Juventus, like Croatia, is an immediate threat to league leaders Hellas and Heidelberg — without discounting Makedonia providing it can overcome its heavy schedule.

Sydney Hakoah coach Eddie Thompson has predicted that either Hakoah or Olympic will finish on top of the Northern Division, adding "we will have to see how Sydney Croatia handle a couple of defeats."

Croatia, the present Northern Division leader, regains tough defender Bruno Vidic after suspension, for its clash with Penrith, and should notch yet another victory to remain on top.

British striker Trevor Morgan is expected to join St. George Budapest this week but, despite his presence and the fact that Vic Bozanic will want to do well against his former club, APJA will prove too strong at St. George Stadium.

Inter-Monaro, fresh from its first victory of the season, and about to regain the services of Tony Brennan who missed last week's game against Penrith, has a good chance of gaining at least one point from Sydney Olympic, which will be just as weary as Makedonia after the Cup final.

Green Gully should regain Paul Lewis after injury for its journey to Queensland, but Brisbane City, under new coach Jim Hermiston, will be a tough peanut to crack. For the first time I had them, they were beaten with 50 minutes to do. Last week it was 10 minutes and this week they ran for the full 90 minutes." Hermiston, himself a fitness fanatic, said after his charges had scored their second successive victory last Sunday, against West Adelaide.

Marconi, with Rod Brown and David Lowe firing again, can gain what would be its most prestigious victory in ages by downing Sydney Hakoah at the Sydney Athletic Field, and after scoring six last weekend, I'm tipping it to happen.

## NATIONAL CUP FINAL Tomorrow (Thursday)

Sydney Olympic v PRESTON MAKEDONIA at St George Stadium, 3 pm, referee Don Campbell.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Sunday

MELBOURNE CROATIA v Preston-Makedonia at Olympic Park, 3 pm.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v South Melbourne Hellas at Olympic Village, 3 pm.

BLACKTOWN CITY v Canberra City Olympians, Gabbie Stadium, 3 pm.

Sunshine-George Cross v B. U. JUVENTUS at Chaplin Reserve, 3 pm.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v West Adelaide Hellas at Schintler Reserve, 3 pm.

SYDNEY CROATIA v Penrith at King Tomislav Park, 3 pm.

Inter-Monaro v Sydney Olympic (draw) at Seiffert Oval, 3 pm.

Brisbane City v GREEN GULLY at Spencer Park, 3 pm.

APIA-LEIGHARDT v St George Budapest at Lambert Park, 3 pm.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS v Brisbane Lions at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30 pm.

Wollongong v NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD at Wollongong Showgrounds, 3 pm.

Sydney City Hakoah v MARCONI at Sydney Athletic Field, 3 pm.

## Team of the Week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of the week.

CANT (1) (SC-Hakoah)	EVANS (1) (Bris. Lions)	NIVEN (1) (Bris. Lions)
SMART (1) (Green Gully)	HONEYMAN (4) (WA-Hellas)	THAMNIDIS (2) (Inter-Monaro)
REIS (2) (Bris. City)	BRYANT (3) (Canberra)	ZINNI (1) (BU-Juventus)
	R. BROWN (1) (Marconi)	STEVENSON (2) (Heidelberg)

## NORTHERN DIVISION

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 2 (Bryant 46th, Dunn 77th) SYDNEY CROATIA 4 (Patikas, 46th and 88th, M Kovacic pen. 20th, Jurin 85th) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd 3,382. Ratings by Peter Windsor:

CANBERRA: Franken 7, Ontong 7, Byrne 8, Harkins 7, Jones 6 — Sermani 7, Dunn 8 (Farrell, 62nd), Bryant 9 — Lamond 7, English 8, Phillips 8, Coach: Roy Thompson.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse 7 — Rezo 7, Tomasovic 7, Rozic 7, Basic 7 — Tomasovic 7, Ozdakov 8, Clinch 7 (Caletta 72nd) — Patikas 8, Arnold 7, Jurin 7, Coach: Vedran Rozic.

Best six for Borals Bricks player of the Year award 6. Bryant (Can), 5. Patikas (SG), 4. Phillips (Can), 3. Ozdakov (SG), 2. Dunn (Can), 1. Sermani (Can).

PENRITH CITY 3 (Jackson 6th, Licata 71st, Easthorpe 90th) INTER-MONARO 4 (Giampaolo 23rd & 29th, Thamnides 60th, Dragicevic 90th). Crowd 311. Ratings by Paul Goodwin:

PENRITH CITY: Gibson 7 — Brogan 5, Toohy 6, McIntosh 5, Ainsworth 7 — Wotherspoon 6, Campbell 5 (Hebb 80th) Cross 6 — Hunter 7 (Easthorpe 72nd), Jackson 6, Licata 7.

INTER-MONARO: Hocking 7 — Dachs 6, Budini 8 (Gagetti 80th), Santolin 6, Walsh 7 — Ambrosino 7, Carbone 6, Willox 8 — Giampaolo 9, Dragicevic 7, Thamnides 9.

Best six for Borals Bricks award: 6. Thamnides (IM), 5. Giampaolo (IM), 4. Budini (IM), 3. Wilcox (IM), 2. Hunter (PI), 1. Licata (Pen).

ST GEORGE 1 (Petkovski 72nd) BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Selvage 74th) at St George Stadium. Crowd 1,020. Referee: Peter Rampley 6. Ratings by George Streeter:

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST: Greedy 8, Skeen 8, M O Shea 7, Ratcliffe 7, Koczka 7 (180th) Thurman — Green 7, J O Shea 7, Stone 6, Bozanic 6 — Slater 8, Petkovski 8, Coach: Frank Ark.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare 8 — Skellern 7, Wheatley 8, Pointer 7, Bourke 8 — Selvage 7, Bradley 7, Thornthwaite 7 — McKie 8, Larkin 6 (Knight 65th — 7), O'Connor 7, Coach: Casey De Bruin.

Best six for Borals Bricks award: 6. Wheatley (B), 5. Slater (StG), 4. Hoare (B), 3. Greedy (StG), 2. McKie (B), 1. Petkovski (SG).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Smith 5th) HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 4 (Stevenson 7th, 42nd & 80th, Yankos pen 55th) at Connor Reserve. Crowd about 6000. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

MAKEDONIA: Trainades 6 — McMillan 4, Dunn 6, Dobson 4 (Lane 69th), Oposinis 6 — Heys 6, Flavell 4, Iliovski 6 — Cole 7, Smith 7, Spink 7, Coach: Bill Murray.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6 — McKie 7, Angele 7, Yankos 8, Marley 8 — Selemidis 7, Christopoulos 7, Valentine 7 — Stevenson 9, Winn 8, Patterson 8, Coach: Brian Garvey.

Best six for Borals Bricks player of the Year award: 6. Stevenson (H), 5. Patterson (H), 4. Winn (H), 3. Marley (H), 2. Yankos (H), 1. Cole (Mak).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Egan 19th, McDowell 43rd) SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 1 (Latif 63rd) at Middle Park. Crowd: about 5000. Ratings by Craig Mackenzie:

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 6 — Russell 8, Yzendoorn 7, Blair 7, Postecoglou 7 — McDowell 7, Crino 8, Halford 7, Murphy 7 — Brown 6, Egan 8, Coach: Len McKendry.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 8 — Taylor 7, Bennett 7, Richardson 7, Campbell 7 — Mitten 6, MacLaren 6 (Lennon 62nd), Faulkner 7, Bain 7 — Glider 6, Latif 6, Coach: John Gardiner.

Best six for Borals Bricks best player award: 6. Crino (SMH), 5. Russell (SMH), 4. Egan (SMH), 3. Kastner (SGC), 2. Blair (SMH), 1. Faulkner (SGC).

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 3 (Zinni 26th, 52nd and 54th) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Rankin 61st) at Olympic Park No. 2. Crowd: About 600. Ratings by Ken Konta:

BU JUVENTUS: Banovic 7, Petersen 7, Brown 7, Dowie 7, Campbell 8 — Cullen 7, Miranda 7, Wade 8, Incantulupo 5 — Sweeney 7, Zinni 9, Coach: John Margaritis.

A.D.C. JUVENTUS: McNally 5 — Donnelly 6, Northcote 7, Nyskohus 7, Cecere 6 — Villani 7, Melta 6, Santrac 6, Maxwell 8 — Mullen 6, (Costanza 79th), Rankin 7, Coach: Edmund Krett.

## NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SYDNEY CROATIA	5	1	1	17	9	11
SYD. CITY HAKOAH	5	0	2	17	9	10
MARCONI	3	3	1	16	12	9
BLACKTOWN	4	1	2	10	6	9
APIA-L'HARDT	4	0	3	14	11	8
Sydney Olympic	4	0	3	7	6	8
Cberra Olympians	2	3	2	11	10	7
Penrith	2	2	3	9	8	6
St. Geo. Budapest	2	2	3	6	6	6
Newc.-Rosebud	1	2	4	7	15	4
Wollongong	2	0	5	12	23	4
Inter-Monaro	1	0	6	8	19	2

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
STH. MELB HELLAS	4	3	0	13	8	11
H'BERG-ALEXANDER	4	2	1	14	6	10
MELB. CROATIA	3	3	1	9	3	9
B'WICK-JUVENTUS	3	3	1	10	7	9
BRISBANE LIONS	3	2	2	5	4	8
Preston-Makedonia	3	2	2	11	11	8
Green Gully	2	3	2	9	7	7
S. George Cross	2	3	2	6	7	7
Brisbane City	2	2	3	8	9	6
West Adel. Hellas	2	2	3	6	8	6
Adel. C. Juventus	0	3	4	8	16	3
Footscray J.U.S.T.	0	0	7	5	18	0

## BORAL BRICKS

We can help you build it. Stevenson gains

Graham Honeyman of West Adelaide Hellas increased his lead over second-placed Charlie Egan (SM-Hellas) but Stewart Stevenson of Heidelberg gained on both of them in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

Stevenson also moved into second place in the \$1000 top scorer's award.

Top vote-getters:  
0 Honeyman (WAH),  
28 Egan (SMH),  
27 Stevenson (H'b),  
26 Bryant (Can), Wheatley (B),  
23 Deankovic (M.Cr), Gomez (SCH),  
21 Hunter (BL), Patikas (S.Cr),  
Maxwell (ACJ),  
20 Rozic (S.Cr), Biskic (M.Cr),  
19 Senkalski (NR).

It things (SO), Phillips (SO), Trainades (Mak),  
16 Dickson (W), Hoare (B),  
Nyskohus (ACJ),  
15 Thamnides (IM), Boogard (NR), Bertogna (APIA), Ozdakov (S.Cr), Mason (M), Koczka (S.Cr), Farina (SCH), Crino (SMH).

Top scorers:  
9 Egan (SMH),  
6 Stevenson (H'b),  
5 Lewis (GG), Colaguri (A-PIA), Arnold, Patikas (S.Cr), R. Brown (Mar), Jankovics (M.Cr), Latif (SGC),  
4 Zinni (BUJ), Farina (SCH), Smith (Mak),  
3 Dragicevic (IM), Gianneone (W), Caban (APIA), Easthorpe (Pen), Villani (ACJ), House, Ward (M.Cr), Kozina, Gomez (SCH), Spink, Cole (Mak).

WOLLONGONG: Billington 7 — Green 5 (Brodnick 63rd), Willis 6, Dickson 7, Condon 5 — Kerr 5, Bundalo 7 — Godzik 6, Kotamandis 6, Hristovski 5, Gianneone 5, Coach: Adrian Alston.

Boral Bricks Award: 6. Brown (M), 5. Mason (M), 4. Jankovics (M), 3. Calderan (M), 2. Dicson WL, 1. Bundalo (W).

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED 2 (Stewart 5th, Senkalski penalty 76th) APIA LEIGHARDT 1 (Colaguri 45th) at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 1543. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni:

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED: Gelling 7 — Maier 7, Owens 7, Bogard 8, Thompson 6 — McQuarrie 6, Senkalski 8, Kerby 8, Stewart 7 — Todd 7, D. Jones 8, McQuarrie 6, Senkalski 8, Kerby 8, Stewart 7.

APIA LEIGHARDT: Catlin 7, Spina 6, Rowden 7, Mariani 7, Brown 6, McCulloch 6, Bertogna 8, Butler 8, Colaguri 7, Caban 8, (Bist Hamilton), Morsello 6 (79th Genovese), Coach: Fil Botteolico.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Boogard (H), 5. Bertogna (A), 4. Senkalski (N), 3. Kerby (N), 2. Butler (A), 1. D. Jones (N).

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Anderson 19th) FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 at Richlands. Crowd 963. Ratings by Ricky Rosso:

LIONS: Evans 8 — Jackson 6, Redmond 7, Vasquez 8, Hunter 8, Niven 9 — R. Stewart 7, J. Stewart 6, Ogden 5 (Caimsey 5), Wright 8, Anderson 7, Coach: Gordon Arrowsmith.

JUST: Boland 8 — Kyriakoulas 6, MacLeod 8, Karic 7, O'Donnell 6 — Taseski 8, Belic 6, Lazopoulos 7 (Stojilovic 79th), Tapai 5, Carroll 6, Lujic 7, Coach: Rocco Ille.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Niven (BL), 5. Evans (BL), 4. Boland (JUST), 3. MacLeod (JUST), 2. Wright (BL), 1. Taseski (JUST).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Price BRISBANE CITY 3 (Carey, Mengotti, Reis), at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2800. Ratings by Allen Crisp:

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8 — Fabrizio 8, Wilkinson 8, Milovanovic 7, Bromfield 8 — Junna 7, Hamilton 8, Glocker 6 (Lettieri 61st) — Carey 8 (Scruggins 61st), Mengotti 8, Reis 9, Coach: Jim Hermiston.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: M. Crook 7 — McGregor 8, Honeyman 9, Brown 8, Hiem 8 — Atsalas 7, Manou 7, Stametopoloulos 6 (Panagis 51st), Scott 8 — Price 8, Konstantopoulos 8, Coach: Neil McGachan.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Reis (BC), 5. Honeyman (WA), 4. Hamilton (BC), 3. Scott (WA), 2. Wilkinson (BC), 1. Fabrizio (BC).

GREEN GULLY 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Green Gully Reserve. Attendance: 3500 (estimate). Ratings by Peter Desira:

GREEN GULLY: Denys 8 — Young 7, McLelland 7, Williams 7, Murray (Hogben 34th 7) — Smart 9, Lloyd 7, Vassallo 7, Campbell 8 — Lucchesi 8, Smallman 7, Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje 7 — Deankovic 8, Curcio 7, Parton 8, Hannah 7 — Biskic 8, Antolovic 7, Cumming 8 — Markovac 8, Ward 7 (House 71st), Goljovic 7, Coach: Domagoj Kapetanovic.

Best players for Boral Bricks player of the Year award: 6. Smart (GG), 5. Vassallo (GG), 4. McLelland (GG), 3. Markovac (GG), 2. Denys (GG), 1. Curcio (GG).

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### Penrith 3

### Inter-Monaro 4

Scorers: Jackson 6th, Licata 71st, Easthorpe 90th (P), Giampaolo 23rd, 39th, Thamnidis 60th, Dragicevic (pen) 90 (IM).

Venue: Cook Park  
Crowd: 317  
Cautions: Brogan, Cross, Toohy (P) Santolin (IM).  
Referee: Ken Small 6.

An injury-time penalty awarded to Inter-Monaro after Baz Giampaolo had been brought down by Peter Brogan at the edge of the box, allowed the Queanbeyan-based side to

**Man of the match:**  
**CHRIS THAMNIDIS**  
(Inter-Monaro)

win a match which it appeared to have wrapped up much earlier.

Penrith began well enough and raced to the lead after only six minutes. Ian Wotherspoon found Ian Hunter free on the right and after Hunter had shaken off Walsh, a low cross found Jackson who tapped the ball in at close range. It was an excellent example of one-touch football.

Unfortunately for Penrith, it did not have the defensive resources to repel the dangerous Monaro forwards.

In fact, both sets of defenders would have nightmares after the damage done by their opponents.

The game was only eight minutes old when Emil Dargicevic crossed and found Chris

# THAMNIDIS AND LATE PENALTY GIVE MONARO FIRST VICTORY



Thamnidis whose return ball was met by Billy Willox with a powerful drive.

Big Dave McIntosh was on the line to save an immediate equaliser.

Ian Hunter failed to make the most of a bad error by John Santolin in the 22nd. The tall defender let a high ball pass over his head and Hunter came racing past with only Hocking to beat. The resulting shot, without any pressure, was driven well wide of the target.

Then it was time for Giampaolo to take full toll of the slack Penrith marking. He was left alone on the right and took Gibson by surprise with a long-range shot that rocketed into the net.

Chris Thamnidis began to make his presence felt more

and more as the game wore on and in the 34th minute he made one of numerous successful raids down the left flank.

His cross for Giampaolo was scrambled to safety, but Penrith was not so lucky five minutes later.

Thamnidis got past Brogan, drew two defenders and slipped the ball to Giampaolo who once again was unmarked and able to slide the ball home from 10 metres.

Going in at the break with a 2-1 lead, the Monaro players were full of smiles as they entered the tunnel. And why not? After all, their star man had been given the easiest of times out on the park and there was the scene of more to come. Thamnidis made his biggest impression in the second half, giving the sort of service that

strikers usually only dream of.

In the 53rd minute his run ended with a ball to the near post for Dragicevic whose shot was just turned round the corner by Gibson. Three minutes later his speed and control was too much again for Brogan and it was only poor finishing by Dragicevic that kept the score unchanged.

Finally despair of finding a finisher, Thamnidis made a goal by himself. Having taken the ball forward in the 60th minute, he completed the exercise with a stunning shot past the amazed Gibson.

This goal signalled the introduction to the Penrith mid-field of Bobby Hebb and the home side at last began to look respectable.

They could have run out of chances altogether, had Drag-

icevic connected with a Giampaolo cross from the right in the 63rd, but the enthusiastic front-runner was out of luck.

Twenty minutes from the end Brian Jackson won a heading duel in the goalmouth and Rene Licata receiving the ball on the left, was able to round a defender and place a neat shot beyond Hocking's reach.

With this incentive, Penrith brought on Randall Easthorpe for Hunter and the play nearly came off.

Penrith turned it on from that point and Jackson could have levelled after McIntosh sent a long ball forward for him, but Michael Hocking came off his line to make a fine save.

Right on full time, McIntosh got away from the left, sent the ball over and Easthorpe

was on hand to head home.

Monaro had, apparently, let it slip, but referee Ken Small had other ideas.

His extra three minutes for injuries was just enough time to get the visitors out of jail. Giampaolo burst into the penalty area and Brogan brought him down. Dragicevic redeemed himself for earlier misses by coolly slotting home from the spot.

For Monaro it was a long overdue first despite being without Walker Valeri who is due to have an operation shortly and Tony Brennan, under suspension.

They will need to tighten up considerably at the back if the good work of Thamnidis and Giampaolo is not to be undone in future games.

## Lewis not for sale says Green Gully



Peter Desira

### Green Gully 0

### Melb Croatia 0

Venue: Green Gully Reserve  
Referee: Evan Venios 7  
Cautions: Murray, Vassallo, Smart (GG), Antolovic, Hannah (MC).

"PAUL LEWIS is not for sale — at any price. Especially after today."

That was the no-nonsense statement from Green Gully president Guy Spiteri after this match which had everything but goals.

Lewis, the Gully top scorer, was sidelined with a hamstring injury, and his absence was never more apparent than the 59th minute when Gully missed the easiest chance of the match.

Man of the match Ken Smart squared the ball into the box but Claude Lucchesi and Kevin Lloyd, free in the box with only the goalmouth to aim at, got in an unexplainable muddle, leaving the ball for each other and allowing the seconds to tick away to enable Croatia's defenders to recover and clear.

"That is the type of chance that Paul Lewis taps away with nonchalant ease. He may do nothing else in a game but

**Man of the match:**  
**KEN SMART**  
(Green Gully)

he is deadly in situations like that," was what Gully coach Bobby McLachlan had to say about the miss.

Spiteri's statement came after he had confirmed that Sydney Olympic president Jim Petinellis had phoned to enquire about the Gully striker.

Petinellis said on Friday night: "We are looking for a replacement for Nick Theodorakopoulos (who has broken a leg) and Paul Lewis is our main target."

Lewis, who heard of the interest through the papers, said after this game, "It's nice to know that teams still want you but the matter is not in my hands."

"It's up to Olympic to make the offer to the club and for Gully to let me go if the price is right."

"As for myself, to make the move it would have to be an unbelievable offer."

"I am building a house in Melton and am making good money at Green Gully so I wouldn't go anywhere for peanuts."

Despite Lewis' absence, and even taking into account that miss, Gully matched Melbourne Croatia in every department to turn this match into a pulsating, seesawing affair with chances at both ends from start to finish.

Bobby McLachlan drafted



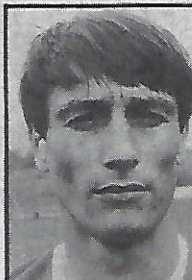
Paul Lewis — to stay

put David Smallman, still troubled by a knee complaint, into Lewis' central striking position.

Croatia omitted injured import Ante Ljubic, and gave Robert Markovac his first full game since resolving his long-running dispute with the club.

Coach Domagoj Kapetanovic also made positional changes, switching Tony Curcio to sweeper, bringing Drago Deankovic into the right back position and releasing Jozo Antolovic to midfield.

Gully lost steady fullback Jim Murray with a leg injury after 34 minutes but his replacement David Hogben was a revelation at right back despite not being fully fit in his first game back after an 11-week layoff with an ankle injury.



Ante Ljubic — missing

Gully had the best scoring chance of the first half with Steve McLelland meeting a George Campbell corner with a powerful header which beat Mirko Runje but rebounded off the crossbar in the 45th minute.

Croatia responded with two chances in the 56th minute.

Robert Markovac caused havoc with a cross from the byline, catching Lou Denys flatfooted and Gully pushed the panic button before managing to clear.

Within a minute, Denys redeemed his error by blocking a point-blank shot from Tommy Cunningham after Gary Ward had flicked on a cross from Deankovic.

At the other end, Lucchesi met a low centre from George Campbell to slam the ball in the net, but the goal was disallowed over a marginal offside decision.

Ward then missed Croatia's easiest chance when Denys blocked his initial shot, the ball rebounded to Ward but the striker hit his shot over the bar from eight metres with Denys sprawled on the ground.

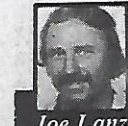
Ward had worked hard for Croatia but paid the penalty for his miss when he was substituted by Greg House soon after.

The best save of the match was made by Denys when a mix up in the Gully backline allowed Markovac in for a rising shot which Denys managed to palm over the bar.

Bobby McLachlan, never at a loss for a quip, said after the game: "I'm glad I came to this match because I thoroughly enjoyed it."

"A draw was possibly a fair result because both teams had their chances although I tend to think that we had the clearer-cut ones. But the fans certainly got their money's worth."

The point lifted Gully one spot up the table to seventh, while for Croatia it had the reverse effect, with Heidelberg overtaking it into second spot.



Joe Lanzoni

### N. Rosebud 2

### APIA 1

Venue: Adamstown Oval.  
Scorers: 45th Colagiuri (A) 54th Stewart (N) 76th Senkalski (penalty).  
Referee: Jim Reeves 7  
Cautions: Spina (APIA)

There was plenty of action to satisfy the spectators and some top performances, none better than our man of the match, Michael Boogaard who had an interesting tussle with Kerry Caban and later with Arno Bertogna.

Bertogna however was by far APIA's best player, being the instigator of every move and covering plenty of ground both in defence and in attack.

Unfortunately from APIA's point of view the Newcastle defenders were well on top of their immediate opponents and so Clinton Gosling was rarely troubled.

At the other end Derek Todd

## Boogaard v Bertogna: giants clash

was well tagged by Ian Rowden and generally not too many clear-cut chances were created.

But just at the stroke of half time when a 0-0 scoreline was odds-on, Vince Colagiuri picked up a clearance from the Newcastle defence and, taking advantage of their unwillingness to close him down, set himself up and unleashed a left-foot shot that gave Gosling no chance.

Spurred by that success, APIA started the second half in great fashion and a good move between Colagiuri and Spina saw the defender's cross being blasted over the bar by Tony Morsello.

Newcastle regained its composure and shortly afterwards was almost on level terms when McQuarrie served Todd in a great position but the diminutive striker hesitated and the chance was lost.

But the equaliser was only two minutes away. Todd had a shot from the right that eluded Catlin and found Kerby on the far left. His lobbing shot hit

**Man of the Match:**  
**MIKE BOOGAARD**  
(Newc-Rosebud)

the crossbar and the oncoming Stewart tapped it into the empty net.

APIA had a close shave 10 minutes later when Butler brought down Joe Senkalski in the penalty area but referee Jim Reeves waved play-on.

Reeves however had no hesitation in awarding a penalty later in the game when Todd found a gap in the visitors' defence and sidestepped Catlin but the big keeper brought him down.

Senkalski calmly slotted the penalty away and Newcastle was on the way to their first win.

Coach Botalico reacted by bringing on Genovese for Morsello and Hamilton for Caban but to no avail, until with one minute to go, McCulloch who otherwise had a quiet game, found room in the defence but his right-foot shot was brilliantly saved by Gosling going down to his right and continuing his recent good form.

In the end Newcastle deserved to win, doing slightly more than the visitors and making the most of their limited opportunities.

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# Manou off, Honeyman misses a penalty

**WA-Hellas 1  
Bris. City 3**  
Scorers: Price 20th, (WA), Carey 26th, Mengotti 71st, Reis 85th (BC).  
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.  
Crowd: 2,800.  
Cautions: Manou and Panagis (WA); Manou sent off 74th.

Referee: Mike Browning 6.

This was a great result for Brisbane City's new

**Man of the match:**  
**ALAN REIS**  
(Bris. City)

## Zinni sizzles — Black and White Birds too



**Ken Kontra**  
**BU-Juventus 3  
AC-Juventus 1**

Scorers: Zinni 26th, 52nd and 54th; Rankin 61st.  
Venue: Olympic Park No. 2.  
Crowd: About 600.  
Yellow Card: Northcote (AU).

Referee: Jim Fokianos 8.

Where are the Italian soccer supporters? It was disappointing to see only about 600 fans at this Italian derby on a perfect day for soccer.

Those who stayed away missed out on a scintillating performance by Andrew Zinni, and an equally scintillating debut by the Juventus Black and White Birds, cheer leaders of undoubted talent and quality.

Six girls, wearing (to some extent) black and white costumes, turned on a display before the kick off and during half time, which can only be described as visually most satisfying.

Ten out of 10 girls, and 10 out of 10 to Juventus for providing the entertainment.

I trust that the Black and White Birds will become a permanent fixture, and if this is the case, I gladly volunteer to cover all Juventus home matches for the remainder of the season!

But enough of that, let me turn my attention to the other star performer of the afternoon, young Zinni. From the kick-off, Zinni tormented the Adelaide City defense with his speed and eagerness to be involved in everything. His reward, a well taken hat-trick, completely demoralised an out-of-touch opposition.

His first goal in the 26th minute was a gem. A long throw by Richard Miranda was headed on by Joe Sweeney and Zinni scored with a spectacular overhead kick to give the home team the lead.

His second goal came in the

**Man of the match:**  
**ANDREW ZINNI**  
(BU-Juventus)

52nd minute, when he blasted home Miranda's corner from close range.

He achieved his hat-trick two minutes later with a replica of his first goal. A long throw by Miranda was nodded on by Sweeney and Zinni sent a powerful header into the roof of the net from five metres.

The long throw move had Adelaide City completely bamboozled. In the 44th minute, Sweeney forced a good save from McNally, when instead of heading on Miranda's throw, he headed for goal, and in the 75th minute, it was Miranda, Sweeney and Zinni again, but the goal was disallowed due to a foul on the goalkeeper.

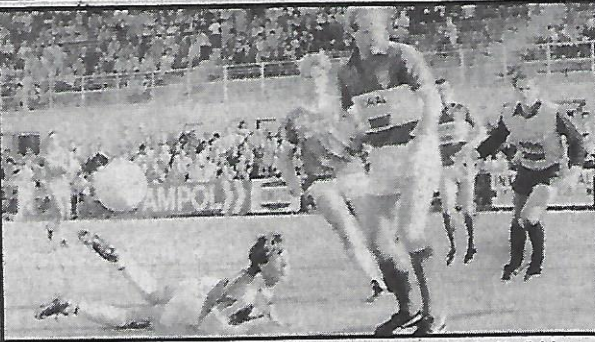
Adelaide City's solitary reply came in the first minute, when Eddie Campbell misjudged a cross, allowing Peter Rankin to nip in and angle his shot past Yakka Banovic from 10 metres.

However, the visitors lacked penetration, and could not get their game going at all. Normally, Adelaide City produces fine approach work, only to be frustrated by lack of finishing power. On this occasion, even the approach work was missing and it had difficulty in putting passes together.

Although Steve Maxwell had another good game in midfield, Charlie Villani and Sergio Meita both were disappointing. Adrian Santrac's passing left him down and in defense Willie McNally looked uncertain and his hesitancy unsettled City's backline on more than one occasion.

This was more a workmanlike rather than a brilliant performance by Brunswick Juventus, spiced by Zinni's individual feat and good mid-field work by Paul Wade, Miranda and Robbie Cullen, although Cullen did fade a bit in the second half.

Mike Petersen proved his versatility, doing a good job at full back in place of suspended Peter Lewis. It will be interesting to see who is going to make room for Lewis this week. Perhaps it will be Fabio Incatapulo, who looked shaky out of town and had little influence on the game.



Westad's Gary Price (on the ground) has this diving header blocked by Brisbane City's Gary Bromfield (foreground). Others pictured, from left: Alan Scott (Westad), Billy Wilkinson and Kim Wishart (Brisbane City). Picture: FRANK HOBBS.

coach Jim Hermiston and the most wretched loss of Neil McGachey's short coaching career.

For, not only did Westad lose, but it lost midfielder Chris Manou for this week's clash with the wooden-spooners Footscray U.S.T. Big Manou was red-carded by referee Mike Browning after the midfielder was cautioned for the second time in the 74th minute.

And to add salt to the gaping wounds, Hellas captain Graham Honeyman failed to convert a penalty that would have put Westad back in the game.

With the exception of the absence of Russell Robinson, this was the same starting line-up Brisbane City fielded against Adelaide City. Juventus in round two this year, but the difference in attitude and application since then is remarkable.

As was the case against Juventus, City had to come from behind to grab the points, but it did so in style.

The result spelt the end of Hellas's unbeaten home run this season, a fact that made McGachey unhappy.

After Gary Price had roused the Hellas motor with a kick-start opportunist goal in the 20th minute, things gradually worsened for the home side.

Hellas broke through to force four corners in the first 18 minutes before Steve Atsalas sent Price racing into the box. It was 1-1 six minutes later as Ian McGregor, playing his 189th NSL game for Hellas, sent a flying header thudding against the near post and Peter Carey neatly nodded the rebound past Martyn Crook.

Hermiston introduced Lee Scriggins and new signing Roberto Lettieri for Steve Glockner and Carey in a double swap after 61 minutes.

Lettieri demonstrated his Italian and Brazilian experience with a banana free, five minutes after his entrance, then contributed with skilled passes.

But Hellas was unlucky as a Price first-timer hit the crossbar before going over the top and Panagis hooked a McGregor cross in the same direction.

Scriggins proved his worth with an excellent square pass to Frank Mengotti, who ran on to beat Crook from the edge of the area.

Manou's expulsion, and Kim Wishart's save from Honeyman's penalty increased the drama before Alan Reis scored his second goal in Adelaide this year. And a grand effort it was as the lightly built Reis gathered the ball near the half-way line and sprinted into the box before clipping his drive home.

## Mitchell angry

David Mitchell is angry about conflicting reports concerning his dealings with Adelaide City Juventus and Sydney City Hakoah.

So says his father, Jim, who had just been on the phone to Hong Kong, where David last week scored a goal in Seiko's 4-3 Cup final victory.

"David's intention after leaving Glasgow Rangers was simply to come back and play for Australia in the World Cup if he was picked," Jim Mitchell said in Adelaide.

"Adelaide City made him a fantastic offer, but at no time did he say he was going to sign. Two years would have been too long for him anyway, because he wants to give the UK another try after the World Cup."

The idea was to come back, have a holiday with his family, and have a discussion about his future.

"He has a high regard for Sydney City and was going to talk with them first. He said Sydney City was quite entitled to make him abide by his agreement with the club."

Mitchell's contract with Seiko in Hong Kong expires in July, and he'll be back then to visit his parents in Adelaide.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## Thomson hits back at Juve

By PETER SCOTT

Adelaide City Juventus coach Edmund Kref's comments in last week's "Soccer Action" regarding the "David Mitchell affair" were slammed in scathing terms by Eddie Thomson this week.

The Sydney City Hakoah coach-manager responded to Kref's claims that Hakoah should not be in the NSL by issuing a challenge to Kref.

"I am willing to bet that by the time this season ends Hakoah will have had more spectators watching its 22 matches than Juventus. Just about all the teams draw their best gates when they play us and if we dropped out of the NSL a lot of clubs would be short of considerable sums of money," Thomson said.

As for Kref's accusation that Hakoah "busts" championships, Thomson described it as "rubbish," pointing to his club's outstanding record of developing youngsters from its minor grades.

"When Adelaide Juventus produces six international players for Australia at the one time, then they will be entitled to comment, but I can't recall the last one of their players to play for the Soccerbros."

"Incidentally, we did not call Kref's club a bunch of sheiks when they charged us a \$35,000 transfer fee for Mitchell a few years back. What's more, we paid in full and up front," the irate Thomson said.

He also pointed out that Hakoah was quite willing to let Mitchell go for \$20,000, considerably below what he cost the club, when the winger wished to try his luck in Scotland. This was done in spite of an approach by Mitchell's services at the time from Sydney Olympic, which "would have netted Hakoah a much larger sum."

Mitchell was released on condition that on his return to Australia he reverts to Hakoah and gets his \$20,000 back.

"When word of Mitchell's return to Australia reached us it was only in the context of coming home for a three-month guest appearance with Juventus, which was okay with us. Then we got word of a two-year contract and a \$10,000 amount as the actual terms for his return."

"In other words, Kref's club was offering our money to Mitchell to buy his services."

"We don't need Adelaide City to teach us ethics, especially after the incident a couple of seasons ago over their defender Neil Banfield."

"The Juventus president started lodging complaints and crying foul over an alleged approach by me to Banfield, which was totally untrue. I suggested that they get Banfield on the phone with his club's officials on another extension, which would have cleared matters up quick smart. To no-one's surprise my offer was declined, so I don't need to listen to any lies."

# Cant set for 'Roo return, Gomez ready



**Andrew Dettre**

## SC-Hakoah 2 Syd Olympic 1

Scorers: Leo 19th, Watson 49th, Raskopoulos 89th mins.  
Crowd: 5400.

Cautions: Barnes, Kosmina, Farina (SC) Katholos, Lambropoulos, Soper (OL) Referee: Richard Lorenz.

You can stop worrying about the form of Sydney Hakoah stars on whom the Soccerroo team is built. They showed, under the most trying conditions, that they're again close to their best.

Watson, Kosmina and Farina all excelled — yet the show was all but stolen by a man who was once a Soccerroo man and who should be: Jim Cant and Gerry Gomez.

Cant, at the unfamiliar spot of left fullback, played well enough to prove that he is the man to replace the absent and ailing Alan Davidson in Frank Arok's team.

As for Gomez, one of the secret Arok favorites anyway, he is crying out loud for a national team spot.

The match was played in pouring rain, on a waterlogged pitch. The athletic field's notoriously poor drainage turned the surface into a quagmire.

While Sydney Hakoah showed that it is by far the better ambition outfit, Olympic, a basically immature team, tried to play a short-passing game in the mud.

The polished Hakoah Scots, led by Watson and Cant, had far too much skill for the hustling and bustling Olympians. But even in sheer strength, Hakoah dominated. So much

**Man of the match:**  
**JIM CANT**  
(SC-Hakoah)

so that, thanks to some over-zealous tackles and antics by Barnes and Kosmina, at times the match threatened to turn into a brawl — the same brawl that seemed to hold the interest of the two policemen on the stands.

Grant Lee opened the scoring in the 19th minute when he pounced on a ball stuck in the mud near the goal-line and slid into the net with it.

Kosmina could have made it 2-0 in the 29th but he slipped and missed Lee's tantalising cross in the goalmouth.

In the 49th minute, however, the game was all but decided. Farina's corner was backheaded by Gomez and there was Watson, slicing his shot, a La Platini, from some 16 metres, into the left corner.

It was almost all Hakoah, with Olympic subdued, disappointed and increasingly irritated.

First Kosmina, then Farina hit the post with tremendous shots. Farina appeared to growling as the match progressed.

Then, ironically, instead of 3-0 or even 4-0, it became 2-1.

Raskopoulos took a free kick some 18 metres out, finding the tiniest gap in the loose wall, sending a low shot into the left corner.

But it was too little and too late. By far the better team won handsomely, in a proverbial canter.

However, I find one disturbing feature in Hakoah's game: it's incredibly poor self-control and lack of discipline.

All three of its cautions were avoidable. One wonders why Barnes had to lift an injured opponent off the ground like a dropped parcel and whether this quasi-circus act was worth a caution.

## Caution to the winds!

### Marconi 6 Wollongong 1

Venue: Marconi Stadium  
Crowd: 250

Referee: Graeme Warne  
Scorers: Brown 8th, 84th, 90th, Mason 57th, Lowe 82nd, Gray 87th.

It was hardly "all systems go" for Marconi for all but eight minutes. The whole side labored in vain to find its rhythm and what chances came its way, Marconi duly squandered. Wollongong, meanwhile, was by means subdued or inferior for those 82 minutes, trailing by the goal goal.

Then came an unpredictable error by Peter Willis. He lost possession, allowing David Lowe to go around the keeper before scoring to give Marconi an unassailable lead.

With nothing to lose, Wollongong came out with five and six men but paid dearly.

Only two minutes later Mark Jankovics headed for



**Alex Vesic**

Brown to run into the area before clipping Billington for his second and Marconi's fourth, and a further three minutes passed before Mark Jankovics was on the spot to exploit a backheader by Willis.

He coolly chipped Dickson, then laid the ball in the path of Ian Gray to score.

With seconds remaining Tony Henderson chimed in, but his way past a few defenders and turn unattainable five metres from the goal post before slotting his pass for Brown to score.

For Wollongong the lesson was there to be learnt. If you are behind and throwing men forward, then your defenders are not to meddle with the ball but send it forward first-time. You cannot afford to run with

**Man of the match:**  
**ROD BROWN**  
(Marconi)

the ball — there is just no percentage in it.

Marconi did score first, through Brown after a great through ball by Mason, found Lowe who crossed for Brown to score.

At half time it was 1-0 but only two minutes later the scores were even. Brian Condon chipped the backline with a diagonal pass intended for Scott Dickson. The ex-Polonia forward looked covered by Calderaro and McPherson but while the keeper and his defender hesitated, Dickson chipped over the head of McPherson to score.

And while Wolves will have to go back to basics Marconi can take heart from its performance in the last eight minutes.

## Saints' celebrations are short-lived

### St George 1 Blacktown 1

Venue: St George Stadium  
Crowd: 1020

Referee: Peter Ramplay 6.  
Scorers: Petkovski 72nd, Selvaige 74th.

St George, yet to hit its straps and fight for one of the top four positions, failed to subdue Blacktown, continuing its poor run of results against the club from the western suburbs.

Peter Petkovski put Saints on top in the 72nd minute after a good move by the home team. Andrew Koczka floated his cross to the far post for Vic Bozanic to knock it back into the path of Petkovski and he made no mistake from a few metres out.

**Man of the match:**  
**ROBERT WHEATLEY**  
(Blacktown)

While the St George bench was celebrating, Blacktown came back through Stuart Selvaige.

Phil O'Connor's cross from the right hand side found Selvaige 10 metres from goal and his shot went through a maize of legs and past Terry Greedy for the equaliser.

It was an eventful game and a just result. Both sides showed a lot of enthusiasm and enterprise but defences were on top.

Greedy and Barry Hoare of Blacktown had fine games with Greedy making some great saves from Larkin and Bradley while Hoare had to stretch a long way to save from Bozanic and Ratcliffe.

Greedy had to dive at the feet of Bradley, while Hoare stopped a shot from John O'Shea.

It was end-to-end stuff with neither side able to assume command for long periods and with the result pleasing Cassey De Bruin as much as it did Frank Arok.

Arok, with such a poor start to the season, was hoping for better things, but was not dissatisfied with a point, while De Bruin felt that the Demons' display was well worth a draw and that's exactly what they got at Gabbie on a murky Sunday afternoon.

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## SM-Hellas 2 S.G. Cross 1

Scorers: Egan 19th, McDowell 43rd (SMH); Latif 63rd (SGC).  
Venue: Middle Park  
Crowd: About 5,000.  
Cautions: Kastner (SGC)  
Sent off: Bennett (SGC).  
Referee: Dennis Voutsinas

South Melbourne Hellas kept rolling along on top of the Southern Division ladder thanks to a scintillating first half in which it scored two goals but gave credit to Sunshine-George Cross for making more of a match of it in the second half.

Greek super runner Yannis Kouras did a lap of honour before the game.

A draw I'm sure would have pleased most Cross followers but in the end, they were pretty despondent, especially after Gerry Bennett's sending off in the 88th minute.

Referee Dennis Voutsinas immediately produced the red card after Bennett clipped Oscar Crino, who had slipped the ball past Bennett and was in mid-air as he was struck by Bennett's foot. Crino rolled over a few times in feigned agony and off went Bennett who hadn't been cautioned previously and in my judgement should never have been sent off.

I saw a Hellas forward, a Hellas midfielder and a Sunshine-George Cross forward do



Yannis Kouras kicks off the South Melbourne Hellas - Sunshine George Cross game at Middle Park last Sunday. Picture: LES SHORROCK

far worse off the ball and on. All escaped punishment.

Nevertheless, Hellas was absolutely commanding in the first half, and the way Gary McDowell and Charlie Egan worked, with Bobby Russell also breaking forward down the right, was a treat to watch. You run out of superlatives



Craig Mackenzie

watching Egan in action. Anyway, his scoring record this year does the talking for him — nine goals in seven league games.

His ninth goal came in the 19th minute here in a move which Cross coach John Gardiner would be very unhappy about. John Yzendoorn's free kick must have travelled at least 40 metres so Gary McDowell's freedom just outside the Cross area opens up many questions about the marking there. McDowell headed on to Egan who shot on the turn. Lou Kastner reacted very well to parry but Egan latched on to the ball a second time, poking it home to make it 1-0.

Egan slipped his marker out wide on the left in the 21st minute and cut the ball back for Doug Brown, who controlled well, beat an opponent, then fired in a fierce drive but Kastner reacted superbly to tip the ball over.

The closest Cross came in the first half was in the 31st minute. Noel Mitten headed on from a Don McLaren corner. Ossie Latif's overhead attempt was blocked and Mitten's shot from 10 metres went straight to Peter Laumets.

Ken Murphy shot wide from an Egan lay-off in the 32nd minute but there was no stopping McDowell in the 43rd minute.

Russell streamed forward and looked to have lost the ball under challenge from Roger Bain but Russell won it back then crossed to the left of the area where Egan let the ball run to McDowell whose stinging 15 metre drive gave Kastner no chance as the ball flashed into the bottom far corner.

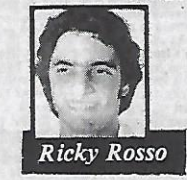
With little to lose, Cross tried to get more men forward in the second half.

John Campelj played the ball through to Gilder on the left of the Hellas area in the

## Man of the match: OSCAR CRINO (SM-Hellas)



Ilja Taseski of JUST (right) challenges Brisbane Lions defender Alan Niven. Picture: CARLOS PICASSO.



Ricky Rosso

Brisbane Lions 1  
Foots JUST 0

Scorer: Anderson 19th  
Venue: Richmond  
Crowd: 963.  
Cautions: Vasquez (L), Macleod (JUST)  
Referee: Alan Kibbler 9.

"I feel sorry for our guys, they gave everything and finished with nothing."

It was with those disappointed words that JUST coach Rocco Ilie walked from the dressing room after he had seen his team attack relentlessly in the second half but fail to score.

Lions had gone ahead in the 19th minute after a terrible back pass mistake by Brian O'Donnell which gave Lions striker

## O'Donnell back-pass settles it

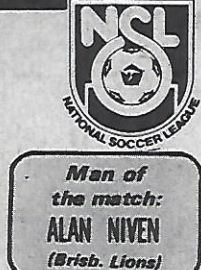
task of rounding Dennis Boland and scoring.

That goal could have sunk JUST, which is entrenched at the bottom of the table, but it attacked Lions with the spirit of competition highriders.

Three times the Melbourne side could have scored. Twice Lions keeper Wayne Evans denied JUST a goal with brilliant saves with the other time, Zdravko Lujic had the goal at his mercy but his high shot deflected off Steve Jackson's head — although he knew nothing much of it — and over the crossbar.

"The goal we gave them was a present. My boys could have given up then, but I am so pleased that after the mistake they still found the confidence to outplay Brisbane Lions," Ilie said.

"Teams have good runs and teams have bad runs. Our time will come. We will not be at the bottom of the table for



## Man of the match: ALAN NIVEN (Brisb. Lions)

much longer. Today proved that."

And although the win took Lions up the table it was a poor performance from the Brisbane team.

Evans was in fine touch and Danny Wright extremely dangerous up front, but the only other player to stand out was Alan Niven, who was playing his 200th NSL match.

His contribution had the enthusiasm of a newcomer.

Niven was a threat in defence and attack, playing pinpoint passes and defence-splitting through balls.

Niven is one of nine Lions players involved in Queensland's annual clash with New South Wales at Perry Park tomorrow (Thursday).

The match will be watched by national coach Frank Ark and if Niven repeats his performance Ark will find it hard not to recall the former Soccerro.

A special mention should also go to Queensland referee Alan Kibbler for his fine performance.

And even more pleasing, he showed rare tolerance. The two yellow cards he handed out were for a deliberate handball and a blatant late tackle, but on other occasions he reached for the card, then slipped it back into his pocket.

"When I thought about the offence again I thought maybe the other player had made a bit much of it and it would have been unfair to book the offender," he said. A rare attitude which could be adopted by more officials.

# Superstar Stevenson



Laurie Schwab

## Makedonia 1 Heidelberg 4

Scorers: 1-0 Smith 5th; 1-1 Stevenson 7th; 2-1 Stevenson 22nd; 3-1 Yankos 35th; 4-1 Stevenson 80th.  
Venue: Connor Reserve.  
Crowd: about 6000.  
Cautions: McMillan (Mak), Stevenson (H), Cole (Mak), Christopoulos (H).  
Referee: G. Davies (Tas) 7.

Apart from scoring four against the National Cup finalists, Heidelberg could have had more, as Scott Patterson, who dominated the left flank twice was fouled by the post.

It was a fine welcome for George Christopoulos, who made his NSL debut for Heidelberg, having missed about 10 matches since transferring from Canberra.

And the match underlined yet again the emergence of Stewart Stevenson as one of the most effective strikers in the country. He's not only fast, skilful and a clinical finisher, but he's also tough as nails and can more than handle the rough stuff.

Stevenson, Patterson and Steve Winn destroyed the Makedonia defence completely, and they were aided by that defence, which made mistakes galore. Winn in the middle often appeared to have no opposition at all — perhaps because Ian Dobson, who was replaced in the second half, still was suffering the effects of a knock — while on the right, George McMillan committed himself countless times and was left stranded as Patterson scooted away with the ball. Even Con Opatinis, who had tried so hard, let himself down when he played a silly



Stewart Stevenson

## Man of the match: STEWART STEVENSON (Heidelberg)

back-pass for which Stevenson scored his third goal.

One wonders just how much effect tiredness had on Makedonia's performance, for the mid-week National Cup semi-final must have taken much of the players' energy.

That, however, is little excuse for leaving yourself open to the sucker punch — which Makedonia did so often by pushing everybody forward.

Makedonia's forwards — especially Gary Cole — battled away manfully enough — but they weren't given good service by a losing midfield.

Christopoulos played with admirable neatness and economy, wasting not a single pass and using his height to advantage against Gordon Flavell who was thoroughly outpointed by the former Soccerro.

Makedonia lined up with Sean Lane on the bench, in order to give Graham Heys — who had been starring in previous games — a 90-minute hit-out.

And goalkeeper Richard Wilson — who played in the reserves — announced before the match he was seeking a transfer. He has been displaced in the team by Philip Trainades and feels his place in the New Zealand national team would be more secure were he playing regularly. His transfer fee is \$12,500.

Heidelberg dropped Steve Tassios to the bench in order to accommodate Christopoulos.

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# CONTROVERSY IN CANBERRA



Peter Windsor

## Canberra 2 Syd Croatia 4

Scorers: Syd Croatia — Petkovic 46th and 88th, M. Kovacic pen. 20th, Jurin 85th; Canberra — Bryant 46th, Dunn 77th.  
Venue: Bruce Stadium.  
Crowd: 3382  
Referee: Sam Zoumas 4  
Cautions: Basic, Dunn, Arnold, Bryant.

In a six-goal feast, Canberra twice came from behind to level 2-2 but finally bowed out to NSL front-runner Sydney Croatia 4-2 in a spectacular game at Bruce Stadium.

Canberra outplayed Sydney Croatia for much of the match and did not deserve to drop a point in a game in which two incidents long will be talked about.

They were a superb Steve Bryant equalising goal for Canberra in the 44th minute and the goal that finally sealed



Steve Bryant

## Man of the match: STEVE BRYANT (Canberra)

the game for Croatia just five minutes from full time.

Croatia, in fact, was to score twice in the final five minutes.

The other talking point was the handling of the game by Melbourne referee, Sam Zoumas.

Canberra fans will dispute the penalty decision in the 20th minute — but more heated will be their view of Croatia's 85th minute tie-breaker.

Canberra had battled to be level at 2-2 after 77 minutes — but then Croatia launched a breakthrough.

Young second-half replacement Joe Calletta hit a sizzling drive in the 85th minute. It took a deflection and zoomed over goalkeeper Tony Frankenstein's hands to hit the crossbar.

It bounced straight back onto the head of Croatian midfielder Zelko Jurin and into goal while Canberra appealed that Jurin was standing yards offside.

No-one could argue with Croatia's final goal just two minutes from the final whistle. Attacker Graham Arnold made a great right-flank dash, turned his defender, held up the ball to send his chip superbly over Frankenstein's hands and onto the head of Jim Petkovic for the striker to score his second and the game's final goal.

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## Character the key to an Olympic win

Okay, so I'm biased, but I really believe that we'll win the National Cup final tomorrow (Thursday) against Preston Makedonia.

With Makedonia playing well and with so much confidence, this should be a final to remember, for what I hope will be a really big crowd at St. George Stadium.

We showed a ton of character to come back from being 2-0 down against Newcastle Rosebud last week in our semi so the scene is set for a tremendous battle in the final. Makedonia has players with character too, so this will be fought tooth and nail right down to the wire.

For Olympic's sake, I hope that our fans get right behind us from the kick off. When

## KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



### When only the best will do

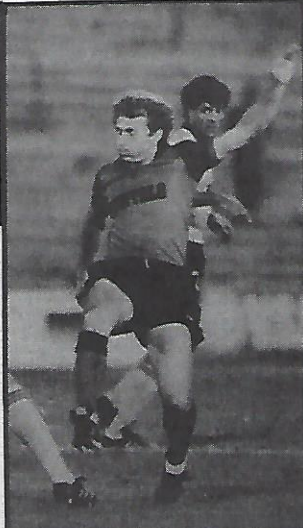
Modern soccer is fast and demanding — and damaging, especially to players' knees.

Arthur Svinos at Olympic required a full knee reconstruction and was out of the game for a year and a half.

Danny Moulis wasn't so fortunate. He too required knee reconstruction surgery but he's ended up out of the game.

Tony Dakos was operated on about a month ago for a cartilage problem and Tony says that his knee is going to be stronger than ever. He's already back in training.

By the way, the man who operated on Svinos and Dakos is Dr Cross, one of the best known orthopaedic surgeons in Sydney. Another top surgeon in this field in Sydney is Dr Sekal.



Zoran Ilioski

## ILIOSKI FIRST

Preston Makedonia midfielder is on the threshold of "the greatest in this, his ninth NSL season."

"Winning the National Cup tomorrow (Thursday) would be the first thing I've won in the NSL. This Cup Final is very, very important to me personally and I'm hoping it will be the greatest thrill of my career," said the 26-year-old.

The cup final will be at St. George stadium at 3 pm.

Ilioski is brimful of confidence. This is going to be Preston Makedonia's year, he says.

"The players have a different attitude now. We're far more friendly and each player understands how the other plays and there's a different feeling about the club now. All our players are enjoying themselves and that's one of the most important things in soccer."

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"My role is t as possible, but got to defend to enjoy."

## Rozic-making Croatia great

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**Q. Your most memorable game at club level?**  
ROZIC: Playing for Hajduk in the semi finals of the UEFA Cup against Tottenham.

**Q. Players you have respected most as opponents or those who have played at Hajduk with you?**

ROZIC: Keegan (England), Hrubesch (West Germany), Archibald (Scotland), Luiz Pereira (Brazil), Ayala (Chile), Oblak (Hajduk).

**Q. Could you name your own world best eleven at present?**

ROZIC: It is very difficult. There are so many good players but I'll give you the side which I feel would be functional, fast and committed to attack. Clemence (England) — Tardelli (Italy), Passarella (Arg), Scirea (Italy), Briegel (West Germany) — Robson (England), Platini (France), Socrates (Brazil) — Conti (Italy), Zico (Brazil), Rummenigge (West Germany).

**Q. On the home front once again, do you feel you could win the Northern Division of the NSL this year and maybe the Australian title?**

ROZIC: We have as good a chance as any of the top five or six sides. The one with most consistency during the year will finish at the top. We stumbled against Wollongong at the start, but it worked for us. It was good shock therapy.

## A first for Murray's men and Melbourne?

"The lads are going to go for it. We're really keyed up for this one."

We want to be the first Melbourne team to win the National Cup and although I don't usually shoot my mouth off, I'm very confident that we can do it," said Preston Makedonia coach Billy Murray, gearing up for tomorrow's (Thursday's) National Cup final at St. George Stadium at 3 pm.

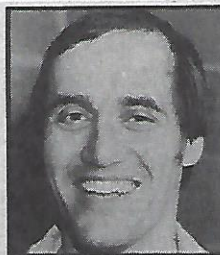
If Murray's players are only half as confident as he is, the Cup's as good as theirs.

The word is that Olympic might adopt man-to-man tactics, but that doesn't worry Murray.

"If they pick us up man-for-man it only shows me just how much respect they've got for us. Let them do it all over the park if they like. It doesn't worry me one bit."

"The spirit we've got is just incredible. It really is, and that's got to be one of the most decisive factors in any game."

Murray's in his first year as an NSL coach and his refreshing approach already is paying dividends at Makedonia. He's a very positive person and that trait has rubbed off on his players.



Billy Murray

"I can offer my players the right to believe in themselves, the right to play attractive soccer, the right to carry responsibility out on the field and the right to achieve success."

"They can offer Australian soccer a style of play that can keep the fans happy, a style that is attractive, attacking and entertaining and a style that allows for individual skill and flair to shine through within a team framework."

And what of Makedonia's strengths?

"We've got two top goalkeepers. Phillip (Traianedes) is in quite now, and his ability in the air is right remarkable."

"Our defence is very strong. Our central defenders are strong and we've got two fast and skilful full-backs who attack as well as defend."

"Gordon Flavell gives us great strength in midfield, Sean Lane is both strong and skilful as is Graham Heys, while Zoran Ilioski is very creative."

"Up front, our three strikers can create and score."

Makes you wonder if Olympic should bother turning up, doesn't it?

Like I was saying, Murray is very positive.

Murray has a Higher National Certificate in Production Engineering and a Diploma in Production Engineering. He teaches maths and science at Noble Park Technical School.

His first coaching job was as assistant to John Gardiner at Melbourne Croatia in 1978. The following year, Murray was assistant to Fred Bunce at Frankston City and in 1980 was appointed coach of Box Hill, then in the First Division of the Metropolitan Leagues. The Hillmen finished fifth that year, third the following year, and won promotion to

State League in 1982 by finishing second. Under Murray, Box Hill finished seventh in State League in 1983 and fourth last year.

Murray had offers of other coaching jobs before taking over at Makedonia last November, the most concrete being the youth team job offered to him by South Melbourne Hellas last year.

"That offer was handled so badly that I decided that it wasn't worth pursuing. But the way in which Preston Makedonia went about their business made their offer too good to pass up. If I had knocked them back, I might not have got a chance like that again."

"What appealed to me about their offer was the quality of the players at the club and the stability and commonsense approach of the committee. There was a fierce desire to succeed from both parties. I liked that."

"Everything was done in a very professional way, in fact, Peter Muka (Makedonia's secretary) and three other committeemen even came down to watch me training the Box Hill lads without my knowledge, just to see me taking sessions. Now, that's what I call professional!"

— CRAIG KAMKENZIE

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By CRAIG MACKENZIE

That's been obvious from some of Ilioski's displays this season, and he seems to be realising his enormous potential and finally establishing himself at Makedonia as the class player he is.

It's taken time to erase the bitter memory of the way Footscray J.U.S.T. dumped him in 1983. He immediately joined J.U.S.T. and along with good friend Mendo Ristovski and Joe Piccione, became one of the stars of the future at J.U.S.T. under coach Cedo Cirivkovic, a father figure to the trio.

When J.U.S.T. transfer-listed Ilioski for \$23,000, he was heartbroken. The club stripped him of the captaincy and a week later put him on the market after he had failed to come to terms over a new contract. The feud between Ilioski and some J.U.S.T. committeemen of that era was bitter.

Peter Ollerton coached Ilioski at Makedonia until Ollerton left and joined Croydon in the Victorian State League last year.

Ilioski and Makedonia didn't have a great year in 1984. The team was expected to at least finish in the final five and contest the conference finals. Instead it finished sixth.

"We were going along okay until that break in the middle of the season for the World Series tournament. I think that hurt us a lot because we struggled to win games after the break. It was a very disappointing year for all the players, fans and officials at Makedonia but that's behind us now and things are going our way at last."

Ilioski and his team mates won't be taking National Cup final opponent, Sydney Olympic, lightly, but Ilioski claims that Olympic is not as good as it was last year.

"They still are a good team, but not as good as they were last season. Injuries haven't helped and losing players also has been a problem for Olympic. When I saw them playing last year they really impressed me because they were a true football team — they showed a lot of skill and running. They seem to be a bit down on these factors this year. They just don't seem to be quite as good to me."

Ilioski works as a meat inspector in South Melbourne. No doubt he'll be hoping that he'll be inspecting a few Olympic carcasses after the final.

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● Ossi Latif (left) converts this penalty attempt against Makedonia in their National Cup semi-final. His joy was shortlived though. Referee Chris Bambridge ordered a retake and Latif struck his second attempt wide. Others pictured: Phillip Traianedes, Carl Gilder and George McMillan. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

## What a great goal by Ossi Latif

**Man of the Match: ZORAN ILIOSKI (Makedonia)**

Laurie Schwab

**PRESTON-MAKEDONIA 2 (Smith 75th, Cole pen. 77th) SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 1 (Latif 44th), National Cup semi-final at Olympic Park, Wednesday night. Crowd about 4000. Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.**

**MAKEDONIA:** Traianedes 7 — Heys 9, McMillan 8, Dobson 6, Opasins 7 — Ilioski 9, Flavell 5, Lane 5 — Cole 5, Smith 8, Spink 6. **Coach:** Bill Murray. **GEORGE CROSS:** Kastner 6 — Taylor 6, Bennett 8, Richardson 7, Campbell 6 — Bain 7, Faulkner 8, McLaren 4 (Toal 81st) — Gilder 6, Latif 7, Mitten 6. **Coach:** John Gardiner.

Makedonia coach Bill Murray has appealed to the fans to get behind the team instead of criticising it. "The young fans have been great, but another section has been a bit too critical," he said.

"I know the team has been down a bit lately, but in 16 games this year, we've won 10, drawn four and lost only two. What's more, in five of the past six games, we've fought back from behind to win four and draw one."

Makedonia missed Robbie Dunn (suspended) in the semi-final against George Cross, and Ian Dobson (bruised foot) played only because Dunn was missing.

As it was, Graham Heys was drafted into the side at right back, and skipper George McMillan moved to the centre of defence. Heys and midfielder Zoran Ilioski — who made the most of every inch of open space on the field — turned out to be the stars of the match.

Makedonia may have had more of the play, but George Cross, with Jeff Faulkner calling the shots in midfield, had the better chances to win. Ossi Latif missed a twice-taken penalty and also miskicked when he faced goalkeeper Phillip Traianedes on a fine through ball from Noel Mitten in the last few seconds of play.

Latif did, however, score one of the finest goals I've ever seen. If there's an award for goal of the year (listening, Channel 97) there's no way anyone can better this one, unless he's a Pele in the making.

George Cross and Makedonia both went into their semi-final after a six-match unbeaten run. In league and National Cup matches, Latif and Steve Smith of Makedonia each had scored six goals.

Their passage to the semi-finals: **MAKEDONIA** v Hellas 1-0 (Smith), v Heidelberg 2-1 (Spink, Cole) and v Green Gully 3-1 (Smith 2, Ilioski). **GEORGE CROSS** v Juventus Pioneer 5-1 (Richardson, Gilder, Latif, Lenon, Cochrane o.g.), v Melbourne Croatia 2-0 (Gilder, MacLaren), v Adelaide Croatia 1-0 (Latif).

An important factor in George Cross's performance was the conscientious marking job Roger Bain did on Makedonia star Sean Lane in midfield. No-one, however, did an equivalent job on Ilioski. No did Makedonia bother much about Faulkner, who turned out to be the dominant force for George Cross.

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Phillips Pen 60th, pen 83rd, Koussas (94th)) NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 2 (Todd 7th, 25th), National Cup semi final at St George Stadium. Crowd 3155. Referee: Peter Ramplsey 5. Caution: Lambropoulos (SD).**

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Meier 6 — Rogers 6, Lambropoulos 8, Haniotis 6 (75th Polasi, Jennings 7 — Phillips 8, Taskopoulos 5, Katselos 6, Johnston 5 (Koussas 46th — 6), Soper 7, Kalantzis 6. **NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD:** Bosling 7 — Meier 8, Jones 7, Thompson 7, Owens 6 — MacQuarrie 6, Senkalski 8, D. Jones 8, Stewart 7 — Todd 8, Kerby 6 (Brand 63rd — 5).

Who would have thought Newcastle could seriously trouble Sydney Olympic at St George Stadium; that Olympic would continue to perform so poorly?

What was just as unexpected was that Peter Ramplsey, who has been one of the best referees in this country for many years, did enough to justify claims by the Newcastle players that they "wuz robbed".

After Newcastle had gone to a 2-0 lead through Derek Todd's accurate shooting during the first period not even the presence of Marshall Soper in the Olympic ranks made much difference to the irate Olympic supporters.



● Makedonia strongman George McMillan (left) shields the ball from this challenge by Ossi Latif.

Mitten, whose move from midfield to attack had contributed to the victory over Melbourne Croatia in a previous round, again played a more attacking role in the first half, but it was Makedonia that should have scored as early as the sixth minute.

Goalkeeper Lou Kastner's kick-in went straight to Steve Smith but as he shot, Kastner dived desperately towards him to repel the shot. It went out to Ilioski whose job caught Kastner trying to recover, but the ball sailed over the bar.

In the next 10 minutes, Smith headed over the bar after a Heys cross, a shot by Cole hit a defender inside the area, Smith headed on for Cole who however missed the ball in a good position. Warren Spink shot too high after weaving past a defender, and Kastner reached a cross from Smith just a split second ahead of Cole.

But McMillan needed all his wits about him when Mitten raced goalwards in the 20th minute. His timing was perfect, and his tackle ended the move.

George Cross's attacks were breaking down much too quickly but Latif was presented with a good chance in the 25th minute when he worked his way into the box, only to see Traianedes repel the shot.

Makedonia started to play the ball around at the back, hoping to draw George Cross out — but that doesn't work anywhere any more.

A good square ball by Carl Gilder to Latif in the middle set up another good chance for George Cross, but Heys wrecked it with a sliding challenge.

Mitten raced away in the 41st minute, with Heys going with him. Referee Chris Bambridge pointed to the penalty spot, indicating handball by Heys. Cole took the advantage of Heys and captain McMillan. Latif scored from the spot, but Don McLaren had encroached into the box too early, so Bambridge ordered a retake. This time, Latif shot past the post!

It fired him up though, and seconds before half time, he went on an incredible solo run past perhaps half the Makedonia team, leaving opponents sprawled in his wake, before placing the shot past Traianedes, giving George Cross a 1-0 lead at half time.

MacLaren and Latif threatened Makedonia's goal in the first seconds of the second half before Smith headed wide on a free kick by Heys.

Cole-Smith's Heys was a good move, ending with Ilioski's shot being deflected past for a corner. Spink used Con Opasins down the line, got the return ball from Opasins, and tested Kastner who saved well.

Smith headed over the top again — he was a menace in the air — as Mitten stayed in a deeper position, to make it harder for Makedonia to attack.

Faulkner's shot on the volley went over, but in the 75th minute, Makedonia drew level. Heys crossed (who else?) and Smith was there to head it home.

Two minutes later, Heys and Ilioski worked the ball into the box where Steve Richardson cleared it short and MacLaren touched it with his heels. Cole took the penalty and made no mistake for what turned out to be the winning goal.

Heys made a rare mistake with an unwise back-pass, which was intercepted by Gilder. He lost his footing at the crucial moment, however, and was beaten by Traianedes.

Bobby Toal rescued MacLaren nine minutes from the end, and in those final minutes, George Cross did enough to force Makedonia into extra time.

It was not to be, however, as Latif miskicked on Mitten's through ball, with the goal at his mercy, and Toal shot into the side netting after another Mitten pass.

## Phillips riding a wave of success

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

If Gary Phillips scores the winning goal for Olympic in the National Cup final it'll be almost as big a buzz as getting a tube at the Pipeline or Sunset in Hawaii.

"Yeah, I guess getting a tube is the greatest thrill any surfer can get. I mean, it's the one time when you're really in control of the wave, rather than having the wave controlling you," said the 21-year-old midfielder.

"I get a buzz out of soccer too, of course. I scored twice and sent our set piece cross for our winner against Newcastle in last week's semi and that was a real thrill for me because we got out of jail in a big way in that game."

Surfing, monstrous Hawaiian waves takes ability, guts and unshakable self-confidence — qualities which also are part of the make-up of fine soccer players. These qualities have emerged in Phillips the soccer player over the past couple of years. Phillips, who has displayed such qualities for quite a few years, having won all the major contests at Coffs Harbour, and is preparing to take a crack at the Coffs Harbour Classic in June, Australia's richest amateur contest.

However, his thoughts right now are on the final and he doesn't give Preston Makedonia much chance.

"I've played against Gordon Flavell and Zoran Ilioski before in midfield. Flavell's just a hard player, but I don't rate him highly but I respect his ability to win the ball. Ilioski likes to take blokes on."

"We'll probably play man-to-man against them. We'll pick out their best players, then pick them up throughout the game. That's how we'll beat them."

"I'm very, very confident about winning this match. A team like Makedonia will push us a bit but we'll have too much for them on the day. Soper's the man who can win for us. Our speed, our ability to close them down quickly and to support our team mates, will be deciding factors."

Phillips is just as straightforward and forthright when asked to describe himself as a player.

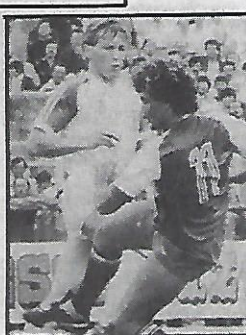
"I always try to give 100 percent, always. I hate individuals. I like flair, sure, but you've got to be a team man too. My strengths are my vision and my distribution and I rarely lose a tackle. I'm not that quick and I've got to improve there and I had a problem earlier in my NSL career in that I was playing the ball too early but now, if need be, I'm prepared to hang on to it a bit."

This is the best start Phillips has had in an NSL season and his good form is due to the way he's reacted to having the vice-captaincy given to him and to the faith coach Manfred Schaefer has shown in him.

"Manfred's confidence certainly has brought out the best in me and I'm relishing the responsibility of being vice-captain. I thrive on pressure, always have, though I guess I've got a lot freer role this year. I think Manfred saw me as the guy to take on Jimmy Patikas's role and that suits me fine. It allows me to use what skills I have."

Phillips was born in Bankstown and played with its nursery side for three years before moving to Sawley, just outside Coffs Harbour, when he was nine. He represented Northern NSW at under 14, 15, 16 and youth levels, and made his senior debut with Coffs Harbour in the Northern NSW State League when he was 15.

He toured the US with the Northern NSW under 16s for a month, losing just one of 14 games against State and club sides. Newcastle Rosebud's Bernard Kerby was a team mate of Phillips in the under 16s, as was Chris McPherson



● Gary Phillips kicks clear in front of Carl Halford of SM-Hellas

of Brisbane Lions. There were many fine players in that squad but most have dropped out of soccer.

"I guess it's a problem that occurs all over Australia. There were a lot of guys in that squad who I thought would really make it big but I guess they just developed other interests and gave the game away."

Jan Holland, Phillips's stepfather, gave him great support throughout his junior career, driving the youngster every weekend from Sawtell to Newcastle to train with Northern NSW junior representative sides, a return trip of 400 kilometres!

"We'd go to Newcastle on Saturdays and return on Sundays. I rarely went to school on Mondays after those trips. I was so tired."

Holland's persistence paid off when Ljubo Gokjovic, then coaching Olympic's youth team, watched Phillips play in a trial game for the NSW schoolboys in 1981. Gokjovic gave Phillips his phone number and three months later the youngster, who had represented Australia three times at schoolboy level, rang Gokjovic and decided to move to Sydney.

Phillips' first game for Olympic was a youth match against Newcastle in 1982. Doug Collins was coaching Olympic then and after watching that match, elevated Phillips to the senior squad. A few weeks later, Phillips made his NSL debut against Sydney City Hakohu.

"Doug Collins was a very good coach. He believed a lot in individual skill and he gave me my chance. He helped me establish myself at Olympic and it was through his direct intervention that Olympic paid Coffs Harbour \$500 for my transfer. I think that I was the first junior Olympic paid a transfer fee for."

Tommy Docherty coached Olympic in 1983, then Schaefer took over.

"Just let's say that Docherty believed in having a good time. He was out to enjoy his football, but to be honest, I didn't learn a thing under him."

"Manfred (Schaefer) put me on the bench for about six weeks last year. We were having a bad run and something had to be done. As it turned out, I was the guy who was dropped and during that time the team won, so the move was beneficial to the club. Later in the season Patikas got injured and I got my chance again. I've never looked back since."

Without wishing to hurt the sensitivities of members of Australia's league who read "Soccer Action", I guess you could say that if Olympic wins the National Cup, Phillips will be riding on the crest of a wave.

## Soper ripe for Oscar

Newcastle continued to look solid at the back while Senkalski dominated in midfield. And with Todd and Jones showing venom up front, it was always more likely that Newcastle and not Olympic would find the net.

However, with eight minutes remaining and Soper on the ball at the edge of the area and Neil Owens in attention, there was always a possibility that Soper would do well. And Soper did. He threw himself in the air, Superman fashion, landing on the turf beside the bewildered Owens. It was safe to assume that the referee would laugh it off and wave play on. Maybe even a yellow card for ungentlemanly conduct.

The whistle went and without hesitation a penalty was given, allowing Gary Phillips to score again from the spot, making it 2-2.

Newcastle came back and looked set to score in the 88th when Senkalski was left alone at the edge of the penalty area but his shot skimmed the upright.

Newcastle's goalkeeper was pelted by the large Olympic following behind the goalposts. Two policemen and a few officials attempted to restore order. The game was stopped for a couple of minutes.

The game was 94 minutes old when Rasopoulos found Phillips running into the area on the left flank.

The Olympic dynamo flicked it across the area, Soper and Gosling went for the ball and both missed, leaving Koussas to score the deciding goal.

After the match Gosling was being attended to for an injury received in that incident.

— ALEX VESIC

**Man of the match: GARY PHILLIPS (Syd Olympic)**



Marshall Soper

by the Sydney Olympic players.

With half an hour left and the home side looking ordinary indeed, Koussas fell over inside the box and that was sufficient for the referee to award a penalty to Olympic. Gary Phillips, as reliable as ever, put his side back into the game to make it 1-2.

But little changed to indicate that Olympic was likely to succeed. If anything,



# John Karaspiros sent off, Fairy tale comes true

Rockdale Ilinden was well beaten by League newcomer Fairy Meadow at Corral Park, whilst Uruguay came from behind to snatch an unexpected 3-3 draw against Canterbury after the Greek-sponsored club led 3-0 with 22 minutes to go.

## Skypack State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SUTHERLAND	2	1	0	7	2	5
MELITA	2	0	0	7	1	4
AVALA	1	2	0	6	3	4
FAIRY MEADOW	2	0	1	4	2	4
Ku-Ring-Gai	1	2	0	3	1	4
Manly	1	1	1	2	1	3
Canterbury	1	1	1	8	3	3
Rockdale	1	1	1	3	3	3
Uruguay	0	2	1	3	6	2
Narrabeen	1	0	2	1	6	2
Bankstown	0	0	2	0	3	0
Polonia	0	0	2	10	0	0

## MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (Pearce 38th) KU-RING-GAI 1 (Goldsworthy 61st) at Cramer Park.

MANLY: Barker 7 — Pierce 8, Foy 6, Dick 7, Williamson 6 — Pagano 6, Steven 6, Campbell 7 — Leak 6, Fox 7 (82nd Stuart), Murray 6 (Boyle 82nd).

KU-RING-GAI: Curtis 9 — Kavern 6, Watson 7, Bertram 8, Goldsworthy 8 — Bennett 9, Sutherland 5, Quigley 6 — Nile 6, McKegan 6, Ellem 5 (Hunter 46th, 61).

URUGUAY 3 (O'Shane 68th, 86th, Hasty pen.38th) CANTEBURY 3 (Silva 24th, Dounis 50th, Borges 67th) at Mona Park.

URUGUAY: Rosario 7 — Jones 5, Follados 7, Hasty 7, Kralovic 5 — G. Fernandez 5, Arabelo 5, (Menesis 48th, 7), Cuba 8 — Rodas 7, O'Shane 8, Pagano 5 (Carizzo 8).

CANTEBURY: Hummel 6 — Karaspiros 5 (sent off 37th), Eftimiades 6, Pena 5, Hantzis 8 — Ortega 5 (Petat 46th, 61), Silva 6, Anagnostopoulos 7, Borges 8 — Dounis 6 (Petat 65th), Kirwan 7.

POLONIA 1 (Lasek 23rd) MELITA 3 (Wilson 45th, Walker 63rd, 87th) at Chopin Park, Referee: Tony Polard.

POLONIA: Anderson 7 — Chau 8, Falzon 6, Vujinovic 7, A. Colluso 6 — D. Colluso 5, Sobczyk 7, Lasek 8 — Mahamah 7, Pop 6, Janic 6.

MELITA: Pupovac 7 — McPherson 6, McAusland 5, Wilson 8, O'Rourke 6 — Jamieson (25th Allen, 7), Farrugia 7, Laing 6 — Walker 8, Heneman 6, Griffiths 6.

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL 0 NARRABEEN 1 (Sorge 46th) at Jensen Park.

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL: Unavailable.

NARRABEEN: P. Dean 7 — Akoutas 8, Collings 7, Watt 8, Friend 7 — Jones 7 (Hanley 75th), Gale 7, A. Dean 7 — Sorge 7, Hodgson 7, Van Heiden 7.

FAIRY MEADOW 3 (Mowbray 15th, Fontana 41st, Gerald 86th) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 0 at Corral Memorial Park.

FAIRY MEADOW: Young 8 — Chilly 8, Jones 8, Berringer 8, Morlando 8 — Peil 7, Richardson 7, Mowbray 9, Gerald 7 — Baker 7, Fontana 7.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Kotzohambos 6 — Blackburn 6, Pilovski 6, D. Wilson 8, J. Wilson 7 — Nasteviski 6, Slavski 5, Papa 6 — Rosen 5 (Khamis 60th), Brown 5, Ferguson 5.

AVALA 2 (Atlagic 40th), Lembray 70th) SUTHERLAND 2 (Tasker 59th, Hall 76th) at Knights Park.

AVALA: Thurlow 9 — Jordan 7, Dobson 6, Lembray 8, Divani 7 — Lucchesi 7, Atlagic 6 (O. Brown 73rd), Tracey 6 — Carney 8, Jeffery 6, Anderson 6 (Brakovic 75th).

SUTHERLAND: Dart 7 — Nelson 7, Hesford 7, Dalforno 8, Terry 7 — Tasker 8, Groom 7, Harrington 7, Rogers 8 — Hall 7, Gray 6.

## Narrabeen v Polonia

### Narrabeen Fitness Camp

#### SATURDAY

This is a bottom-of-the-table clash with Polonia having the better front line and Narrabeen the better defensive line up. The matter will be resolved on Saturday when Andrej Pop and Muhammed Mahamah face David Watt and Collings, with Stefan Janic facing a tough time against George Akoutas.

As for the Narrabeen attack, one would look towards Allan Dean and Kenny Sorge to help Simon Hodgson and Van Heiden in overcoming the Chau, Vujinovic, Falzon and Colluso combination. My tip? A goal apiece, in an enduring and tough encounter.

## Canterbury v Fairy Meadow

### Arlington Oval

#### SUNDAY

Canterbury will have its work cut out at Arlington when it meets the new State League sensation, Fairy Meadow.

With John Karaspiros out of the side due to suspension it will be even tougher for Raul Blanco to select his defence. Steve Baker, Glen Fontana and Roberto Geraldini could prove decisive in this match despite the fact that Canterbury also has many big guns.

Nelio Borges and Marcos Silva, along with Carlos Orte-

the middle of the park but very little is seen of this trio in defensive situations.

Paul Kirwan could give Reg Chilly some problems and that is a gap that must be plugged, while Louis Dounis should be less effective than Johnny Petas in facing Jones, Berringer and Morlando.

## Rockdale v Manly Warr.

### Hurstville Oval

#### SUNDAY

This is a reply of the major semi-final of last year with Manly having a distinct advantage.

Manly is sporting a full complement of players while Rockdale has seven on the missing list with two apparently retired and five injured. For Manly, the difficulty lies in its inability to convert its chances while Rockdale's big problem is finding competent players to replace those missing. This should be a tough match.

## Kuringai v Bankstown

### Parklands Oval

#### SUNDAY

After three rounds, Ku-Ring-Gai is undefeated, showing the same fighting qualities which have earned this club its reputation as a tough nut to crack.

David Curtis in goal leads a fine array of solid, tall defenders. Leigh Watson would have to be the tallest player in State League with Kevern and Goldsworthy not far behind.

In another shock result, Ku-Ring-Gai took a point from Manly, while Melita had to fight all the way to subdue Polonia at Chopin Park.

Manly Warringah, the highly fancied outfit from the seaside resort, had to struggle against Ku-Ring-Gai after squandering a narrow lead.

Sutherland shared the spoils in a 2-2 draw. Avala led twice but the Sharks were keen to remain on top and came back with a vengeance.

Narrabeen took its first points of the season. Ken Sorge was Narrabeen's hero, scoring in the opening minute of the second half.

## Manly Warr 1 Ku-Ring-Gai 1

### Venue: Cramer Park.

Scorers: Pearce 38th, Goldsworthy pen. 61st.

Ku-Ring-Gai continues to surprise with its performances.

It's a tough outfit with some brilliant players in defence. David Curtis made some point blank saves while Watson and Bertram halted just about everything Manly threw at them.

In midfield David Bennet shone and should have been rewarded with a goal for his efforts. It was Bennet who was pushed inside the area for Referee Davies to point to the spot, giving Goldsworthy the chance to get on even terms with Manly.

Manly struggled and seldom looked good despite its one goal lead which came from a shot by Wayne Pearce. It had luck written all over it as the shot from 18 metres rebounded off the toe of a Ku-Ring-Gai player and lobbed over Curtis.

However, when Ku-Ring-Gai equalised Manly missed back.

Dudley Fox had his shot blocked on the line, then Leak picked up the rebound to tuck it goalwards from five metres but Curtis made a superb one hand save.

## Uruguay 3 Canterbury 3

### Venue: Mona Park.

Scorers: Silva 24th, Dounis 50th, Borges 67th, O'Shane 68th, 86th, Hasty Pen. 38th.

John Karaspiros of Canterbury was sent off as his side threw a three goal lead to lose a point to Uruguay.

Karaspiros tumbled with Pagano, the Uruguay forward, in the 37th minute with Canterbury leading 1-0.

In the second half,

take comfort in the knowledge that it has uncompromising and tough defenders. It still has problems in the front running department.

## Sutherland v Uruguay

### Seymour Shaw Park

#### SUNDAY

Uruguay surprised Canterbury last Sunday and took a point but I feel that it will be a much more difficult task to do the same against Sutherland.

The side from Cronulla is far from generous, only losing one point so far and leads the table. If it is to stay there it must beat Uruguay and with all due respect to the fine skills of Raul Carrizo and his team mates, Sutherland should collect the points.

## Melita v Avala

### Melita Stadium

#### SUNDAY

This is the big derby of the round as both sides are unbeaten.

Melita has a good record at home and boasts fine players in Griffiths, Walker, Farrugia, Wilson and new recruit, Richard Mullen, from England.

Avala is not without stars Lembray, Tracey, Carney and Jeffery may not set the world on fire but can give most State League sides a good, solid shake.

If Avala wins it will surprise, for Melita looks to have too many good players while there are some weak spots in

## NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Canterbury was intent on defending, relying on counter attacks. Carrizo and Menesis came on for Arabelo and Pagano to give Uruguay the thrust it needed and soon Canterbury was backpedalling.

But Louis Dounis and Nelio Borges made the task of the home side very difficult with fine counter attacking goals in the 59th and 67th minutes.

Tony O'Shane had four chances and scored twice to bring his side within a whisker of a point then Follados was brought down by Eftimiades and from the ensuing penalty, Hasty made it 3-3.

## Polonia 1 Melita Eagles 3

Venue: Chopin Park. Scorers: Lasek 23rd, Wilson 45th, Walker 63rd, 87th.

Melita struggled for most of the first half against an unfancied Polonia. During that time McAusland and O'Rourke managed to create an opening for Richard Lasek by failing over one another to give Polonia's midfielder an easy scoring opportunity.

Kenny Wilson's header from a cross by Barry Walker, provided Melita with a tonic on the stroke of half time. Melita came out in the second half with far more purpose and with some fine shooting by Barry Walker achieved its two-goal advantage.

Despite this win, Melita did not play as well as expected. But if the side is winning when not playing well what chance will others have when Melita turns it on?

Walker was on the spot to create the first goal when scored two himself. That alone won him the Man of the Match award.

Polonia, expects a Polish import, a First Division player, to arrive this week, and not before time either!

Venue: chopin Park. Scorers: Atlagic 40th, Tasker 59th, Lembray 70th, Hall 76th.

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Nelio Borges, Canterbury

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His dream was to make the Young Soccerroo squad, a dream which was shattered when his knee was damaged.

"I was really determined that the injury wouldn't ruin my career."

"Mind you, when I was first told of the extent, I thought I'd have to stop playing."

Svinos now admits that his burning passion is still to force his way into Jimmy Shoulder's Young Soccerroos, bound for the NSLR in August.



Bankstown 0 Narrabeen 1

Venue: Jensen Park. Scorers: Ken Sorge 46th.

This was the first goal of the season for Narrabeen and also its first points.

Allan Dean's throw-in found its way to Sorge who slammed it in from eight metres beating Don Smith in goal for Bankstown.

Narrabeen had quite a few openings and could have scored a few more goals but still is suffering from poor finishing.

Bankstown showed very little enthusiasm and failed to have a shot at goal during the entire match!

## Fairy Meadow 3 Rockdale 0

### Venue: Corral Memorial Park.

Scorers: Mowbray 15th, Fontana 41st, Gerald 86th.

Yet another scalp was claimed at Corral Park by this enthusiastic Fairy Meadow side.

Phil Mowbray was first to draw blood after he pounced on a loose ball to score from close range in the 15th minute.

Glen Fontana added another, minutes before the break, after picking up a rebound to beat Kotzohambos.

Fairy Meadow's last goal was a gem.

A brilliantly executed free kick found Roberto Geraldini who scored from an angle to make it 3-0.

"We played very well and deserved the win," was the short and sweet comment from Johnny Fleming, Fairy Meadow's coach.

## Avala 2 Sutherland 2

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the age limit," he said.

"And I reckon that if I keep my place in the first team, I should be able to attract Shoulder's attention."

Svinos admits that he favours playing in midfield, though he's willing "to play anywhere if it means a regular first team spot."

"I know that Manfred (Schaefer) likes to use me in the right back spot, but I prefer a defensive midfield role."

"I've even been used at left back, but that's a little uncomfortable for me because I'm a



Polonia star Stefan Mila

# Mila coming back, Little to Polonia?

## By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Stefan Mila returns from Poland on May 19 and his team Polonia was trying to sign former Australian youth star, midfielder John Little, as we went to press.

Mila, the 1983 Victorian Rothmans Medal winner, has had problems getting his passport returned by Polish authorities.

Little too has problems. He's agreed terms with Polonia which has agreed on a transfer fee with Little's last club, Shepparton Makledonia.

It appears however, that Little's former club, Preston Makledonia, wants money for him. That matter may be thrashed out this week.

Injuries still stop Polonia coach Eddie Reid from fielding his strongest line-up, nevertheless, the side has scored 12 goals in its past two games, and once Polonia is at full strength, it looks as a definite championship chance.

Leszek Gregorczuk broke down again at training last week, while Janusz Przybyla and Dave Gibson, are having trouble overcoming their injury worries.

No doubt Polonia will be hoping that its goal feast continues on Sunday when it travels to Egan Lee Reserve to take on Knox City.

Morwell Falcons star Stevie Moore is waiting to see a specialist about his nagging pelvic injury and seems certain to miss Saturday's clash with Albion Turk Gucu at North Cringean Reserve. Former Footscray J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkevski says that he is not a candidate for the Albion coaching job recently vacated by Ray Langdale. Assistant coach Andy Dovic took charge of Albion last weekend.

Falcons should beat Albion on Saturday.

Springvale City player-coach Ian Greener went into hospital yesterday (Tuesday) to have a cartilage operation, another blow to the side's chances of consolidating its State League status this season, and I expect Fawknor to beat Springvale at Ross Reserve on Saturday.

Fawknor certainly won't be sitting back, trying to catch out Springvale on the break here. Joe Falinks, Bruno Cozzella, Ian Loughane and Victorian youth squad member Frank Sabbatino form Fawknor's front line with Colin Quigley and Peter Boyle calling the shots in midfield.

However, Gary Hobson, Cozzella and Quigley all have to appear before the tribunal this week and Fawknor coach Gus Macleod might not be able to field his strongest line-up against Springvale.

Western Suburbs should win on Saturday.

"I do my fair share, but I like to use my head more than brawn when things get tough."

Coach Schaefer agrees, but adds that Svinos has a lot of spirit.

"I took a lot of guts to work his way back not just into the game, but into the first team."

"I expect him to be one of the mainstays of the Olympic team in the next few years."

"He's shown that he has the appetite for work, but he'll have to keep it up."

Svinos said that although his immediate aim was to make the Young Soccerroos, he also had a desire to take a plunge overseas.

"I wouldn't mind going overseas, probably to Greece, to see if I could make it."

"I suppose the only way to see it to do it."



**Buffalo State League standings**

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
CROYDON	4	1	11	3	9	
POLONIA	3	2	0	17	6	8
MORWELL F.	3	2	0	10	5	8
BOX HILL	3	1	1	12	6	7
Fawkner	3	0	2	13	4	6
West Suburbs	3	0	2	9	9	6
Thomastown	2	2	1	9	9	6
F'ston Pines	1	2	2	9	10	4
St Alb. Dinamo	2	0	3	7	15	4
Knox City	2	0	3	5	13	4
Albion T. Guci	1	1	3	4	7	3
Northcote	0	3	2	4	8	3
Springvale	0	1	4	5	11	1
R. Wilhelmia	0	1	4	3	12	1

**ALBION TURK GUCU 1 (T. Latif 38th) SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (Luca 85th) at Selwyn Park, Saturday.**

ALBION TURK GUCU: Cipri 6 — Behich 6, Gatt 6, Picioane 6 (Robertson T. 5), Douglas 6 — Purcell 5, Reilly 5, T. Latif 6 — Patsaman 7, Gilmore 6, Alfonso 7. Coach: Andy Dovic (caretkr).

SPRINGVALE CITY: Mur 6 — Bannan 7, Adams 6, Luyten 6, Fitzpatrick 6 — Luca 6, Malt 5 (K. Humble 69th), Campbell 5 (Bentley H.T. 5) — D'Amico 6, Bell 5, Nelson 5. Coach: Ian Greener.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Patsaman (ATG), 2. Bannan (Spring), 1. Alfonso (ATG)

**FRANKSTON PINES 2 (Thurlow 37th, Ross 53rd) THOMASTOWN 3 (Flaherty 23rd, Latic 47th, Franceschi 60th) at Monterey Reserve, Saturday.**

FRANKSTON PINES: Janssen 6 — Thurlow 7, Ferris 7, Lawson 6, Armstrong 6 (Miller 67th) — Ross 6, Dick 7, Cooke 6, Cumming 6 (McGinnigle 67th) — Webster 7, Thomas 7. Coach: Danny McMinimie.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi 9 — Di Bernardino 7, Carfora 7, Cosentino 8, Arcoraci 7 — Latic 7, Di Martino 7, Franceschi 7 (Dallas 75th), Coyte 7 — Fragale 6 (Constantinou 67th) Flaherty 7. Coach: Joe Wilson.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Raponi (T), 2. Cosentino (T), 1. Thurlow (F.P.)

**NORTHCOE 1 (Filippis 86th) RINGWOOD WILHELMIA 1 (Stewart 40th) at John Cain Reserve, Sunday.**

NORTHCOE: Gianopoulos 6 — Patiniotis 6, Cutler 7, Bozakis 6, Kourmenos 6 — Bekiaris 6 (Filippis H.T. 7), Toro 6, Moshidis 7 — Dionisopoulos 6 (Wilson 60th), Patsakos 6, P. Constantinou 5. Coach: Jimmy Pyrgos.

RINGWOOD WILHELMIA: Lee 7 — Haupt 6, Corke 7, Murray 7, Womsey 7 — Shannon 7, Storm 6, Meyer 6, Burton 7 — Nyholt 6, Stewart 8. Coach: Cor Teouu.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Stewart (RW), 2. Moshidis (RW), 1. Shannon (RW)

**FAWKNER 4 (Sabbatino 20th, Palinkas 56th, 62nd, Loughnane 70th) KNOX CITY 0 at Smith Reserve, Sunday.**

FAWKNER: Terzini 7 — Jolevski 8, Fattoro 7, Macleod 7, Mancinelli 7 — Quigley 7, Boyle 7 — Palinkas 6, Cozzella 7, Loughnane 7 (inj. Arico 80th), Sabbatino 8. Coach: Gus Macleod.

KNOX CITY: McTurk 6 — Loy Saisi 7, Murray 7, Bissinger 6, Byrne 7 — Wild 6, Smith 6, G. Bakker 5 (Pilbeam 60th), Tunstall 6 — Pate 6, Hawthorne 6. Coach: Duncan Smith.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Sabbatino (Fawk), 2. Jolevski (Fawk), 1. Palinkas (Fawk)

**POLONIA 5 (Auld 3, Warszawa, P. Czapnik) WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (McGuinness penalty, K. Coyte) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.**

POLONIA: Dzielakowski 7 — Lipinski 7, Smolarek 7, Innes 6, Vonja 6 — G. Czapnik 6, P. Czapnik 6, Avian 7, Kolarić 6 — Auld 9, Warszawa 7. Coach: Eddie Reid.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachris 5 — Hamilton 7, Dimovski 5, Esposito 5, Lekkas 6 (inj. Howe 60th) — K. Coyte 5, Kakantonis 5, Beattie 5 — Bouzas 5 (Metelis 65th), Stenson 6, McGuinness 6. Coach: Jimmy Condit.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Auld (Pol), 2. Hamil (WS)

**BOX HILL 1 (A. Humble 65th) MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Stirton 10th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.**

BOX HILL: Harrison 8 — Brooks 7, Basic 7, McMillan 9, Roodhouse 8 — White 7, Taylor 6, Ramos 6, Azzopardi 7 — Verachia 9, A. Humble 8. Coach: Keith Webster.

MORWELL FALCONS: Blasby 7 — Palermo 6, Bruns 6, Tutill 7, Train 7 — van der Meer 6, O'Callaghan 7, MacLean 8, Cassar 7 — Athensky 7, Stirton 7. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. McMillan (BH), 2. Verachia (BH), 1. MacLean (Fal)

**CROYDON 3 (French 10th, Livingstone 4th Orlerton 10th) ST ALBANS DINAMO 1 (Morovic 30th) at Croydon Park, Sunday.**

CROYDON: Whiteside 6 — Singleton 7, O'Reilly 7, Tansey 7, Reed 6 — McDonald 8, Taylor 6, Brogan 6, Livingstone 8 — French 8, Orlerton 7 (inj. Kerr 75th), Coach: Peter Orlerton.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: M. Grigic 6 — Brkijacic 5, Ramjak 6, Bozic 6, S. Grigic 6 — Culina 8, Lericic 5 (Bruno 70th), Rastocic 5, Dezic 6 — Pozar 7, Morovic 6. Coach: Joe Spoljar.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Culina (St Alb), 2. McDonald (Croy), 1. Livingstone (Croy)

**SCHIPANO BEST PLAYER AWARD**

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- Leading votegetters:
- 10 — Livingstone (Croy)
  - 9 — MacLean (Fal), Culina (St Alb)
  - 8 — Cosentino (Thomas)
  - 7 — McMillan (Box Hill)
  - 6 — A. Humble, Harrison (Box Hill), Warszawa (Pol)
  - 5 — Dimovski (WS)
  - 4 — Tansey (Croy), Verachia (Box Hill), Cozzella (Fawk), Pate (Knox), Wilson (North), Bannan (Spring), Morovic (SLA), Raponi (Thomas)

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- Leading scorers:
- 8 — A. Humble (Box Hill)
  - 5 — French (Croy), Athensky (Fal), Warszawa (Pol), Morovic (St. A.)
  - 4 — McGuinness (WS)
  - 3 — Palinkas, Cozzella (Fawk), Stirton (Fal), P. Czapnik, Auld (Pol), Thomas (Pines), Flaherty, Latic (Thomas)

**Franceschi wins it**

By MARCELO D'AMICO

**F'ston Pines 2 Thomastown 3**

Scorers: Thurlow 37th, Ross 53rd (FP), Flaherty 23rd, Latic 47th, Franceschi 60th (T)

Venue: Monterey Reserve. A large crowd witnessed a brilliant game between two teams playing attacking and attractive soccer. The youthful Thomastown side gave a brilliant performance against the more experienced Pines outfit.

All the players must be congratulated as they gave everything during the duration of the game. Praise also must go to the two coaches who presented two well prepared sides.

The home team never gave up and attacked right to the end but its efforts were nullified by the brilliant performance of keeper Mauro Raponi,

who made some incredible saves.

With both teams in an attacking mood the crowd was kept on its toes from the start.

In the 16th minute, Stan Webster shot wide. Two minutes later, Raponi made a magnificent save and deflected a short range shot from Ally Dick.

Thomastown took the lead in the 21st minute when a well taken corner by Nino Di Martino was headed in by the ever alert Brian Flaherty.

Pines came back strongly and two shots by Dick were saved by Raponi and Cosentino. The equaliser came in the 37th minute. A corner kick from the left taken by Ray Thomas saw defender Peter Thurlow outjump the Thomastown defence and his header gave Raponi no chance.

In the second half, the visitors started at a cracking

pace and after a near miss by Brendan Latic in the 48th minute, the same player made it 2-1 when he turned in a short clearance following a Di Martino shot.

Once again the home side stormed forward and squared proceedings in the 53rd minute. Franceschi felled Webster just inside the penalty box and Referee Blakey awarded a penalty. Thomas took the kick and Raponi managed to push the ball back. The Thomastown defenders stood flat-footed and Ross had little difficulty in pushing the rebound into the net.

In the 60th minute, Di Martino took a long throw-in from the right and Franceschi, from outside the penalty box, let go with a terrific left foot shot and the ball finished in the back of the net to make it 3-2. The home side made a strong bid to level in the last



Brendan Latic

few minutes but it was the opposition which missed a fourth goal when Latic hit the post from a few yards out.

**Traynor wants Albion job**

By PETER DESIRA

**Albion T. Guci 1 Springvale 1**

Scorers: Latif 38th (ATG), Luca 85th (SC)

Venue: Selwyn Park

Tommy Traynor is very interested in taking the Albion Turk Gucu coaching job but one gets the distinct feeling that Turkish Cypriot officials in the club's committee are not all that keen on giving him the appointment.

Traynor has been told to leave the country by May and unless he has coaching job by then he has very little hope of convincing the Immigration Department to change its attitude.

George Cross still carries the responsibility of paying the airfare back to Scotland for Traynor and his family and will only release him to coach Albion if the State League club takes over that responsibility.

Albion vice president Ahmet Ali seems to think that Cross is trying to pull a fast one by imposing that requirement. Ali also glosses over the possible problems that exist with the recent appointment between Albion Rovers and the Turk Gucu social club by pointing to the improvements going on at the club — from the fencing of the park, to new carpet being installed in the

clubrooms, the lights that have been installed and the debt that the new club is paying off from the old Rovers hierarchy.

The off field developments have a lot more bite than what the new team is producing on the field for this game was largely a forgettable affair between two sides destined for the lower reaches of the Stage League.

Caretaker Albion coach Andy Dovic tried to inject a bit of experience into a defence that has been leaking goals by switching Joe Picioane to the sweeper position.

Picioane, with hardly a defensive bone in his body, did not stick to the position long and continually offered his self forward after the initial exchanges.

He was the inspiration behind the good goal that Albion scored in the 38th minute exchanging two wall passes in an unfield run before laying an intelligent through ball for Tony Latif to run onto and then fire the ball into the net from the right side of the box.

Picioane injured his back and did not come out for the second half leaving all the Albion hard work to Ayhan Patsaman who had probably his best game since joining the club.

Patsaman had come close to breaking the deadlock on the half hour mark running onto a layoff from Stewart Gilmore to shoot goalwards only to see his shot cleared off the line by Ged Bannan.

Latif, after his good goal, wasted an excellent opportunity to put Albion further ahead robbing John Luyten in the 77th minute only to shoot over the bar with the goal at his mercy.

Springvale, meanwhile, offered little in the way of imagination, its attacking moves. It's only real scoring chance had come in the 12th minute when Hugh Campbell robbed Gerry Reilly to shoot goalwards. His shot was blocked but the ball fell for Joe D'Amico who shot over from close range.

Jim Nelson headed wide from a good centre from Bannan in the 68th minute but most of Springvale's forward moves fell apart once the side came within shooting range.

The equaliser finally came in the 85th minute following a dubious decision from referee Peter Spiers, who had an

otherwise good game in charge.

Gilmour brought down Nelson five minutes from the end. Nelson fell inside the box and claimed after the game that he had been brought down inside the area. But referee Spiers elected on the safe decision and gave Springvale a direct free kick on the edge of the box.

Keith Adams tried to join the Albion wall facing the free kick then fell amid the jostling for positions. That distracted everyone on the park except the free kick taker, David Luca, who promptly took advantage of the confusion to place his quick free kick high into the net.

The point was Springvale's first of the season and coach Ian Greener was suitably pleased with the result.

"We were rubbish in the first half but I was happy with the way we competed in the second half. We've been playing well in other games without getting the breaks," Greener said.

"At least we had eight or nine attempts at goal but we just aren't clinical in our finishing. But we are not far off being a good side."

**SELECTIONS**

<b>DIVISION ONE</b> Saturday: Norwood v SUNBURY; Attone Gate v Doncaster United; Castledale City v DOVETON; Nth Doncaster v BROADMEADOW. Sunday: Moorabool v Kew Park Rangers (Melbourne); RICHMOND v Werribee; Maribyrnong v Melbourne (Melb).	<b>DIVISION TWO</b> Saturday: STN YARRA v St Doncaster; Monash Utd v ALTONA Utd; Olympic Utd v WTH SUNSHINE; NUNAWADING Utd v Emerald City; UNI of MELBOURNE v Melton; Irvanah City v SEAFORD Utd. Sunday: LYNDALE Utd v Westall; FITZ ROY CITY v Swanwick City; PARKMORE v Moorabool; ASCOT VALE CITY v West Melbourne; GLENORY v Mandla.
<b>DIVISION THREE</b> Saturday: WILVERBY CITY v Doncaster City; KEROOL v St Doncaster; RINGWOOD Utd v S.M. Maribyrnong; Coleray v HAMLYN RANGERS; Altona City v Sandringham (Melb); BELL PARK v Eildon; Nth Geelong v Royal Richmond (Melb).	<b>DIVISION FOUR</b> Saturday: WEST Utd v West Meads; MELBOURNE Utd v Camren Utd; RICHMOND Utd v Moorabool Park; STN SPRING VALE v St Kilda; CLARINDA/KOOLYONG v Bachelors; LALOR v Melbourne; BATHMAN Utd v Port Utd.
<b>DIVISION FIVE</b> Saturday: MOORABOOL v VALDOURN; Moorabool City v Eildon (Melb); Huddersley Don City; PRABHAN CITY v Karingal; YARRA VILLE v Port Melbourne; SPRINGVALE Utd v Bulbin.	<b>DIVISION SIX</b> Saturday: GLENBOROUGH v Keyhole; LANCASHIRE v Loder Utd; Asher v FERRISIE GRUY; Brighton v Ballarat (Melb); EAST BRUNSWICK v Border; BORDENIA v Koroora; Holland Park v CLIFTON HILL.
<b>DIVISION SEVEN</b> Saturday: WILMISTONE v WEST BRUNSWICK; HANWORTH v Carter Utd; REGENT WILMISTONE; PASCOE VALE v Melbourne Cook; CLARINDA v East Geelong; ASBOTSFORD v Chelsea.	<b>DIVISION EIGHT</b> Saturday: HANWORTH v East Richmond; DEBNEY PARK v RAAP FOOT CLUB; O.P.A. v DAKLEIGH Utd; NORTHERN Utd v Yarru Utd.

**A bad break for Parsons**

**KEW PARK RANGERS 2 (Spencer 22nd, Henderson 65th) MORNINGTON 1 (Paulling 83rd) Victorian First Division match at Stradbroke Park, Saturday.**

KEW: Evrinledis 6 — Conway 8, Krasvan 8, Papis 7, Wilkinson 7 — Parsons (inj. Vasilios 20th, 68), Pappas 9, Houston 7, Keenan 8 — Spencer 8, Henserson 7.

MORNINGTON: adov 8 — Pye 7, Paulling 7, Mitchell 8, Valli 8 — Cameron 7, Thomson 7, R. Runje 6 (Congdon 60th), Smart 7 — Wall 5, G. Runje 6.

Robin Parsons, Kew's longest serving player, broke his wrist after being fouled in the 20th minute and was replaced by Vasilios. Two minutes later, a break by Gary Keenan, back to his best form, sent Henderson away. Henderson beat Rudy Strander for the ball and chipped it across for Spencer to sidestep home.

Kew went further ahead in the 65th minute when Mark Phillips sent Henderson clear and his chip from 25 metres found Rudy Strander.

From then on Mornington pressured Kew, hitting the bar and going close on numerous occasions.

It finally broke through in the 83rd minute when big defender Brian Paulling was at the net post for a corner and his header trickled in between two Kew defenders on the goal line.

— MICK MITTEN

**Dubious penalty**

**ELTHAM 3 (Curcija penalty 29th, Moulos 52nd, Cubley 65th) ALTONA CITY 2 (Baettie 59th, O'Reilly 90th) Victorian Division Two match, Match at North Eltham, Saturday.**

ELTHAM: Carey 7, Anastagatos 6, Cochran 7, Shaw 7, Hadzic 6, Curcija (Stadler 64th), Isaac 8, P. Cirka 7, Moulos 8, Norton 8, Cubley 8.

ALTONA CITY: Hunter 7, Leandros 7, Kearney 7, Thompson 7, Spinks 7, Scott 7 (O'Reilly 67th), Mercer 8, Cooper 8, Baettie 8, Little 7, Henderson 8.

Altona was well on top early but Eltham scored first when awarded a dubious penalty, converted by Curcija.

Moulos put Eltham further ahead before Beattie pulled one back soon after.

Dave Cubley scored a brilliant goal after 65 minutes and Con Moulos missed a penalty before O'Reilly scored Altona's second right on full time.

— MICK MITTEN

**Pasakos in great touch**

**PORT MELBOURNE 1 (Diamataris 36th) PRARAN CELTIC 1 (Williams 25th) Victorian Division Three match at Murphy Reserve, Saturday.**

PORT MELBOURNE: Pasakos 9, Sakalarios 5, Talaris 7, Nikolov 7, Doukas 7, Kostopoulos 7, Kypros 7, Fokas 6, Mantis 6, Diamataris 7, Stavrou 7. Coach: Harry Petras.

Celtic's goal came when Macleod beat Pasakos in the air and Williams forced the ball over the line in the 25th minute.

Port hit back in the 36th minute. Stavridis beat two defenders out wide then crossed for Diamataris whose volley was deflected past the Celtic goalie.

**NUNAWADING HANGS ON**

**WERRIBEE 0 NUNAWADING CITY 1 (West 24th) Victorian Division One match at Galvin Park, Sunday.**

WERRIBEE: De Muri, Di-gioacchino, Anthian, Cochrane, Petricca, Masic, Paisley, Calderwood, Betteley, Paolo, Italia.

NUNAWADING CITY: Madjar, Brown, L. Deane, S. Deane, Moyle, Greenwell, Nallies (Lackner 60th), Muller (Remmers 87th), Middle-mast, Pote, West.

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# Superstar Stevenson

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Smith was the first to score, shooting home off the bottom of the far post after a one-two between Cole and Warren Spink, followed by Cole's square ball to Smith.

Two minutes later, however, Stevenson accepted a pass just inside the box, cut inside an opponent and placed a shot low past Traianedes for the equaliser.

Heidelberg gradually got stronger and stronger, until it hit the lead three minutes before half time. McMillan missed the ball near the half line, and Stevenson headed towards goal without opposition. Traianedes raced out of his area and was left stranded as Stevenson placed a 20 metre low shot past him, into the empty net.

At the other end, a header by Smith tested goalkeeper Jeff Over, but it was all Heidelberg. Theo Selemidis had been foiled by Dobson, resulting in a free kick from which Mike Valentine missed, and then a job by Christopoulos found Wim van der Kuylen for an unchallenged header. Heys crouched down to stop it on the goal-line, with Traianedes beaten, but referee Davies ruled handball, and Charlie Yankos converted the penalty.

Patterson hit the post again in the 56th minute, and with 10 minutes to go, Stevenson intercepted Opasini's back-pass to Traianedes before scoring Heidelberg's fourth.

## Controversy in Canberra

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In the 20th minute, with Jurin moving away from the goal to the right, roll-back Roy Jones effected a tackle that looked fair, to up end Jurin and referee Zoumas pointed immediately to the penalty spot.

Marijan Kovacic converted the penalty, sending Tony Franken the wrong way.

Canberra applied relentless pressure but too often fell for Croatia's neatly-worked off-side trap and it finally took a spectacular goal from midfielder Steve Bryant to level the scores at 1-1 in the 41st minute.

Bryant made ground on the left and hammered a drive from fully 35 metres that zoomed into the net.

But a disastrous blunder by full back Jones just 60 seconds into the second half led to Croatia's second goal.

A long, probing ball was chased by Jones and Arnold and when Jones fumbled, the ball was slipped to striker Patikas whose shot from 15 metres went in off the post.

Canberra again pushed forward and in the 51st minute Manis Lamond found Phillips whose shot was somehow tipped onto the post and away for a corner by goalkeeper Woodhouse.

Minutes later Lamond had his chance when he dribbled around Woodhouse but somehow fired wide of an empty net.

It was all Canberra and when Bryant took a brilliant short corner in the 77th minute, up went 18-year-old Jason Dunn, in his NSL debut, to head Canberra level.

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# Di Stefano still the king

As Alfredo Di Stefano guides the fortunes of Boca Juniors in Argentina, he follows closely the concluding stages of the European Cup, content in the knowledge that no-one is anywhere near breaking the record he set while centre forward of Real Madrid.

The "Saeta Rubia" (blond arrow) of the fifties and sixties, scored 49 goals in European Cup games, while the top scoring European Cup forward of the present generation, Carlos Santillana of Real Madrid, has only 20.

DiStefano was born in Buenos Aires in 1926, played for River Plate (1945, 1947-48), and Huracan (1946) in Argentina, Millionarios (1949-52) in Colombia and Real Madrid (1953-64) and Espanol de Barcelona (1964-65) in Spain.

He also played international matches for both Argentina and Spain, and according to the record books, he played 1,125 games and scored 819 goals.

Now he's back at Boca Juniors as coach — a post he held previously, in 1968.

## EUROPEAN CUP

- 49: Di Stefano (Real Madrid).
- 46: Eusebio (Benfica).
- 37: G. Muller (Bayern).
- 36: Puskas (Honved/Real Madrid).
- 31: Gento (Real Madrid).
- 25: Jose Augusto (Benfica).
- 24: Altafini (Milan/Juventus).
- 20: Santillana (Real Madrid).
- 19: Himst (Anderlecht).
- 19: Amancio (Real Madrid).
- 18: Agnas (Benfica), Cruyff (Ajax), Kostic (Red Star Belgrade).
- 17: Pirri (Real Madrid).
- 16: Adamec (Dukla/Spartak Trnava), Dalglis (Celtic/Liverpool), Mazzola (Inter), Rummenigge (Bayern).
- 15: Bene (Ujpest Dozsa), Lubanski (Gornik Zabrze).

## 1955-56

- 6: Giovacchi (Reims), Milutinovic (Partizan).
- 5: Bilard (Stade Reims), Di Stefano (Real Madrid), Nordhal (Milan), Palotas (Red Banner).
- 4: Lantos (Red Banner), Leblond (Stade Reims).

## 1956-57

- 9: Violett (Manchester Utd).
- 8: T. Taylor (Manchester Utd).
- 7: Di Stefano (Real Madrid).
- 6: Preissler (Borussia Dortmund).
- 5: Arcecha (Bilbao), Foix (Nice), Kostic (Red Star).
- 4: Faivre (Nice), Kolev (CDNA Sofia).

## 1957-58

- 10: Di Stefano (Real Madrid).
- 9: Kostic (Red Star).
- 8: Csordas (Vasas Budapest).
- 6: Grillo (Milan).
- 5: Bean, Schiarfino (Milan), Sundszak (Vasas B).
- 4: Preissler (Borussia Dortmund).
- 3: Real (Real Madrid), Toplak (Red Star), Violett (Manchester Utd).

## 1958-59

- 10: Fontaine (Stade Reims).
- 8: Vava (Atletico Madrid).
- 6: Di Stefano (Real Madrid), Peiro (Atletico Madrid).
- 5: Collar (Atletico Madrid), Hammer (Wiener SK), Plantoni (Stade Reims), Zink (Wisnut Chemnitz).
- 4: Jadot (Standard), Meier, Wechselberger (Young Boys), Palotas (MTK Budapest).

## 1959-60

- 12: Puskas (Real Madrid).
- 8: Di Stefano (Real Madrid).
- 7: Uhlsson (IFK Goteborg).
- 6: Kubala (Barcelona).
- 5: Foix (Nice), Kocsis (Barcelona).
- 4: Lindner, Stein (Eintracht Frankfurt).
- 3: Baird, McMillan, Wilson (Rangers), Evaristo (Barcelona), Mason (Wolverhampton), Meier, Pfaff (Eintracht Frankfurt), Nurenbeg (Nice).

## 1960-61

- 11: Agnas (Benfica).
- 4: Augusto (Benfica), Seeler (Augsburg).
- 5: Evaristo (Barcelona).
- 4: Gorocs (Ujpest Doza), Schneider (Young Boys), Suarez (Barcelona).

## 1961-62

- 7: Di Stefano, Puskas, Tejada (Real Madrid).
- 6: Agnas (Benfica), Claessen (Standard), Lofquist (BK 1913 Odense), Smith (Tottenham), Strehl (Norimberg).
- 5: Augusto, Eusebio (Benfica), Bouwmeester (Feyenoord), Kucera (Dukla Prague).
- 4: Del Sol (Real Madrid), Dyson (Jpones Tottenham), Robbiani (Servetel).

## 1962-63

- 14: Altafini (Milan).
- 9: Gilzean (Dundee).
- 8: Crawford (Ipswich).
- 6: Baird (Milan), Eusebio (Benfica), Pal (Vasas B).
- 5: Kruiwer (Feyenoord), Metin (Galatasaray).
- 4: Adamec (Dukla), Cousin (Dundee), Nemecek (Austria Vienna), Phillips (Ipswich).



Alfredo Di Stefano

## 1963-64

- 7: Kovacevic (Partizan), Mazzola (Inter) Puskas (Real Madrid).
- 6: Brungs (Borussia Dortmund).
- 5: Di Stefano (Real Madrid), Jelinek, Kucera (Dukla), Kerkhoffs, Thounissen (PSV Eindhoven), Metin (Galatasaray), Wosab (Borussia Dortmund).
- 4: Altafini (Milan), Cosu (Monaco), Eusebio (Benfica), Galic (Partizan), Jair (Inter), Konietzka (Borussia Dortmund), Theis (Jeunesse Esch).

## 1964-65

- 9: Torres (Benfica).
- 8: Eusebio (Benfica).
- 7: Hunt (Liverpool), Kotkov (Lokomotiv Sofia).
- 6: Forrest (Rangers).
- 5: Amancio e Gento (Real Madrid), Augusto (Benfica), Debarski (Lokomotiv S), St. John (Liverpool).
- 4: Bo Larsson (Malmö), Grosso (Real Madrid), Keglövitch, Povaszai (Vasas Győr), Temmingis (DWS Amsterdam).

## 1965-66

- 7: Albert (Ferencváros).
- 6: Connolly (Manchester Utd), Hasanagic (Partizan).
- 5: Amancio, Puskas (Real Madrid), Asparukhov (Levski), Herd (Manchester Utd), Mraz (Sparta Prague).
- 4: Augusto (Benfica), Best (Manchester Utd), Kvasnak (Sparta Prague), Stockman, Van Himst (Anderlecht).

## 1966-67

- 6: Piepburg (Vorwärts), Van Himst (Anderlecht).
- 5: Chalmers (Celtic), Pol (Gornik Zabrze), Thomas (Linfield).
- 4: Devindt (Anderlecht), Gemmell (Celtic), Konietzka (München 1860), Luis (Atletico Madrid), Mraz (Dukla), Scott (Linfield), Yakimov, Zanev (CSKA Sofia).

## 1967-68

- 6: Eusebio (Benfica).
- 5: Gento (Real Madrid), Masek (Sparta), Van Himst (Anderlecht).

## Leading scorers in the European club competitions so far:

**CHAMPIONS' CUP:** 7. T. Nilsson (IFK Gothenburg); 6. Platini (Juventus); 5. Wark (Liverpool), Rush (Liverpool), Rossi (Juventus).

**CUP-WINNERS' CUP:** 5. Gazyayev (Moscow Dynamo); 4. Kurbus (Metz), Wohlfart (Bayern Munich), Panenka (Rapid Vienna).

**UEFA CUP:** 7. Bannister (Queens Park Rangers); 6. Szabo (Videoton); 5. van Basten (Ajax), Bahtic (Zeljezniciar).

## 1968-69

- 9: Law (Manchester Utd).
- 8: Cruyff (Ajax), Pratt (Milan).
- 5: Adamec, Svec (Spartak Trnava), Torres (Benfica).
- 4: Bergholtz (Anderlecht), Iversen (Rosenborg), Kuna (Spartak Trnava), Priji (Real Madrid).

## 1969-70

- 8: Jones (Leeds).
- 6: Geels, Kindvall (Feyenoord).
- 5: Antonijevic (Red Star), Skouborg (KB Copenhagen).
- 4: Brychzy (Legia), Eusebio (Benfica), Giles (Leeds), Karasi (Red Star), Van Hanegeem (Feyenoord).

## 1970-71

- 10: Antoniadis (Panathinaikos).
- 6: Filipovic, Ostojic (Red Star), Luis (Atletico Madrid).
- 5: Ducek (Carl Zeiss), Laumen (Borussia Monchengladi), Wallace (Celtic).
- 4: Johnstone (Celtic), Keizer (Ajax), Koppel (Borussia Monchengladi), Royle (Everton).

## 1971-72

- 5: Macari (Celtic), Takac (Standard).
- 4: Cruyff (Ajax), A. Dunai (Ujpest Dozsa), Israel, Schoenmaker (Feyenoord), Jorge (Benfica), Kennedy (Arsenal), Muller (Grasshoppers).

## 1972-73

- 12: G. Muller (Bayern).
- 6: Bene (Ujpest Dozsa).
- 5: Santillana (Real Madrid).
- 4: Hektor (Derby County), Lubanski (Gornik), Rensenbrink (Anderlecht), Sparwasser (Magdeburg).

## 1973-74

- 9: G. Muller (Bayern).
- 6: Lambert (Bruges), Torstensson (Atvidaberg Bayern).
- 5: Georgescu (Dinamo Bucuresti), U. Hoeness (Bayern).
- 4: Balmer, Hitzfeld (Basilea), Carstus (Bruges).

## 1974-75

- 6: G. Muller (Bayern).
- 5: Almquist (Atvidaberg), Markarov (Aragat).
- 4: Clares, Rexach (Barcelona), Clarke, Lorimer (Leeds), Kreuz, Schoenmaker (Feyenoord).

## 1975-76

- 6: Heynckes (Borussia Monchengladi).

## Argentina gets tough

Bloodshed and chaos at recent soccer matches prompted the Argentine Senate to pass a bill providing strict penalties for violent or rowdy spectators.

Prison terms of up to six years could be ordered for fans caught carrying firearms, knives, bombs or other dangerous weapons under the legislation. Fans who use referee-style whistles to confuse players, who insult or rough up other spectators, or who try to incite stampedes would face up to 15 days in jail and would be barred from as many as 30 matches.

At game time they would have to report at the local Police station and remain there until play ended.

Shootings, knifings and other violence by bands of hard-core, trouble-making fans that follow most major teams have been on the increase in Argentina.

In recent riots a teenager was shot dead, at least 50 others were injured and more than 500 arrested. Officials were forced to stop play and police hurled tear-gas grenades to scatter the crowds.

• Paolo Rossi (left) can boost his European Cup goals tally in remaining matches. Here he pursues the great Jean Tigana in the semi-final first leg against Bordeaux of France.

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# Record for Vic youths?

The 1985 National Youth Championships will take place at Parklea, New South Wales from May 6 to May 10.

The qualifying date is for players born on or after August 1, 1967, which is the qualifying date for the 1987 World Youth Cup.

This qualifying date will remain the same for the 1986 National Youth Championships which allows two years of preparation before games commence for the World Youth Cup.

Victoria will attempt to create history by being the first state to win the championship in three consecutive years. The team was successful in 1983 and 1984 and more importantly a number of the players have made their mark at National League or State League level.

Players such as Warren Spink, Mike Runja, Robert Markovic, John Kanosoula and many others are competing at the highest level in Australian soccer. This year, the selection returns to the younger group and trials have been conducted over the past eight weeks.

The final squad was announced last week with the



**TIM WHITE**  
Victorian coaching director

nucleus of the squad made up from last year's Victorian under 16 team.

However, a number of younger players who played in the 1984 Victorian under 15 team have forced their way into the side.

Despite their young age a number of the players have already made their mark at club level. Players such as Frank Sabbatino (Fawkner), Robert Brian and Adam Byrne (Knox City), Jim Constantinou (Northcote City), Zdravko Basic (Box Hill) already have appeared at State League level with their clubs.

Others appearing at National Youth League level are Stan Thodis (Heidelberg Utd.), Anthony Grbac (Juventus), Igor Lopatic (Footscray), Robert Burje, Paul Trimball, George Jolevski and Thodis currently are in contention for positions in the final Australian under 16 squad which travels to China in August to compete in the World under 16 Cup.

David Healey, the 1984 Weinstan Medal winner and Jim Pasakos, a member of South Melbourne Hellas's 1984 successful National Youth League team, currently are at the Australian Institute of Sport. The remaining players are goalkeeper Corrado Nobile of Fawkner and Tas Koutsikos of Clarinda.

The final choice of players was very difficult and it was hard indeed to eliminate the following players: Goalkeeper Jimmy Hatzilazarou of Western Suburbs, who will be very much in contention for the 1985 Victorian under 16 team; and Mark Telagich of Melbourne Croatia and Colin Cooper of Altona City.

One player I found very difficult indeed to leave out of the squad is John Anastasiadis of Heidelberg Alexander whose progress I will be watching very closely throughout the season. I know his coaches Brian Garvey and Fred Bunce think very highly of him and I know he will be back to try and win a place in the 1986 youth team.

The VSF has made some progressive steps in the appointment of officials for the youth team.

Former Soccerco Jack Reilly has been made manager and his experience and expertise will be invaluable in the preparation of the team. The physiotherapist is a young and highly qualified man, Greg Cunningham.

However, this appointment does not mean that the VSF has discarded the services of long time servant Bill Beveridge. He will accompany the party as an assistant and his vast experience will be a great asset to the squad.

Here is the full squad:

**GOALKEEPERS:** Robert Brian (Knox), Corrado Nobile (Fawkner).

**DEFENDERS:** David Healey (AIS), Adam Byrne (Knox), Robert Runje (Mornington), Igor Lopatic (U.S.T.), Zdravko Basic (Box Hill).

**MIDFIELDERS:** Jim Pasakos (AIS), Jim Constantinou (Northcote), Frank Sabbatino (Fawkner), George Jolevski (Fawkner), Anthony Grbac (Brunswick Juventus).

**FORWARDS:** Tas Koutsikos (Clarinda), Paul Trimball (Brighton), Mitchell Pitbeam (Knox), Stan Thodis (Heidelberg Alexander).

# Colagiuri gets lucky after Lazio stint

By STEPHEN DETTRE

IT seems inevitable that a young Italo-Australian lad should end up playing soccer.

Nevertheless, young APIA striker Vince Colagiuri had more than his fair share of obstacles to that end. Even his soccer-mad father, Rocky, was an early hurdle, convincing the youngster that he shouldn't really start playing too early. As it was, Colagiuri started in the under sixes, something he now advises youngsters against.

While Aussie rules may be king in Victoria, in Sydney's Catholic schools, it is Rugby League that reigns supreme, and Colagiuri remembers some pretty fierce arguments with teachers who wanted him to play League.

"I was brought up in a soccer atmosphere," he said. "Dad never forced me to choose soccer, but I think that with my Italian background and with the talk always being about soccer it was inevitable that I would take up the game. "Actually, dad didn't want me to start playing too early, because in Europe they don't start competition until about 12 or so."

At my school, I always was arguing with teachers who tried to make me switch to League, but I would have nothing of it."

Colagiuri's parents came here as teenagers and as a result, he can understand Italian but claims he is not fluent.

He started his representative soccer in the St George District, living in Lugarno, and from under 8 to under 15 played with St George.

He then spent three years

with the now defunct Arncliffe Scots, progressing into third grade.

"I came back to St George when Frank Arak returned to the club," he said. "I didn't purposely come back because he did, it was just coincidence."

But Colagiuri had little luck with St George. "When he won the championship, I was top scorer in the second team, and seemed to be making a bid for the first team. But then last year, when Frank needed replacements for his injured first team players, I was out injured."

"It was just my luck!" Colagiuri thought that a change of club might bring about a change of fortunes and he transferred to APIA Leichhardt mid-way through last year.

"I know it may sound clichéd, but the team spirit at the club this year is noticeably improved. I think that playing at Henson Park last year was a big mistake, because most of our supporters didn't like the ground, and the players didn't like playing there."

Henson Park, a former Rugby League and cricket ground, was used by APIA while repairs were carried out on Lambert Park.

"Now we're back home, there's a whole new spirit in the club, not just the team," he said.

"When you look at 1984 on paper you see that we finished fourth, which might seem okay. But I don't think we were as entertaining as we could have been. We want to

put on more of a show this year.

"We mainly appeal to the Italian community, so we've got to try and produce what they want."

Colagiuri went to Italy at the end of last year on holidays, and trained with Lazio and Catanzaro.

"I hadn't arranged anything through the club (APIA). I just went along and asked if I could train, and they said yes. I had a great time and it whetted my appetite a bit. I don't have any plans to go back to Italy, but if I had half the chance to play professionally, I'd grab it."

Colagiuri is in the final year of teachers' college, and is planning on majoring in physical education.

"Soccer allows me to survive and also gives me the chance to further my studies, so I'm grateful to the game for that. It gives me a leeway others might not enjoy."

"I think you're lucky when that can happen and you enjoy what you're doing."

Colagiuri always has played in a striking role, and has had no real desire to play in defence.

"I think that some people's temperaments are just better suited to defence or attack."

"I don't mind playing on the wing, as long as I'm in an attacking role, it suits me." He constantly is striving to improve his game, especially his control and concentration. "Being on the wing, you can easily hide from the action and it can be a great temptation to be a passenger. But I'm forcing myself to stay involved."

# Two in a row for North Dandy

North Dandenong women's team won the First Division Lightning Premiership for the second year running, beating Greensborough 1-0. Second Division winner was Footscray, which defeated Melbourne University 2-0.

The Victorian Women's Soccer Association league competition kicked off last weekend with 13 teams competing in two divisions. First Division comprises: North Dandenong, Greensborough, Nunawading, Box Hill, Footscray, Fawkner. Second Division: Monash, Sunbury, Melbourne Uni, Sunshine, Mossfield, Melbourne Suburbs, Greensborough. Anyone interested in playing should contact VWSA secretary Rhonda Boyd on 874 6363.

coach of 1984 First Division champ Greensborough, has been appointed coach of the senior Victorian team to contest the 1985 national titles at Wembley Park, Box Hill, from August 26 to September 6. Janette is awaiting the results of her senior coaching badge course. She coached the Victorian team to a fourth place finish in last year's national titles in Canberra.

The president of the Australian Women's Soccer Association, Alan Hampton, last week announced the appointment of Keith Gilmour as National Executive Director of the Association. For some time the Association has been planning to employ a permanent official who can promote the development of the Sport. The Association has combined with the Australian Sports Commission to fund the position, which is based in the Australian Soccer Federation's Office near Wynyard Railway Station, in Clarence Street Sydney.

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**FORZA JUVE!**

Anche troppo facile la vittoria della Juventus di Melbourne sulla Juventus di Adelaide domenica scorsa, tanto che la partita non può essere considerata come un serio banco di prova per i bianconeri di Margaritis che, pur continuando a incamerare punti settimana dopo settimana tanto da piazzarsi saldamente entro il quintetto di punta, debbono ancora dare una dimostrazione definitiva di essere lo squadrone che i nomi dei suoi giocatori farebbero presumere.

Il 3-1 inflitto ai cugini di Adelaide rappresenta fine ad ora la vittoria più netta di questo campionato, ma non è stato il tipo di vittoria che esalta ed entusiasma gli spettatori.

Andrew Zinni ha firmato tutti e tre le reti scaturite da tiri piazzati (due rimmesse laterali ed un calcio d'angolo) che, anche se di ottima esecuzione, non possono competere con il brivido di discese travolgenti ed azioni spettacolari con il gran tiro finale che fa scattare in piedi gli spettatori come molla.

Forse è proprio in questo reparto che la Juventus, ed in linea generale il calcio australiano, lascia alquanto a desiderare: il pubblico vuole spettacolo, brividi, "eroi della domenica", invece di un complesso quasi anonimo di giocatori che sembra intento ad una partita di scacchi.

Naturalmente sappiamo tutti anche troppo bene che il pubblico, anzi il tifoso, vuole innanzitutto che la sua squadra vinca e dopo che si è abituato alla squadra che vince pretende anche lo spettacolo ed i brividi.

Questa è la situazione in cui si trova oggi la Juventus che è ormai dall'anno scorso squadra di alta classifica. Il pubblico si è abituato a risultati positivi ed ora pretende di più. Noi pensiamo che la squadra ha ancora un'enorme riserva di potenziale che dovrebbe venir fuori nelle prossime settimane.

Come i tifosi, anche l'allenatore ed i giocatori vogliono innanzitutto vincere e fino ad ora hanno fatto appunto questo (la squadra è imbattuta da sei settimane). Durante questo periodo è stato necessario amalgamare una formazione che è quasi completamente sconosciuta al campionato.

scorso, sia per l'arrivo di nuovi giocatori che per il cambiamento di ruoli di altri.

La difesa è totalmente cambiata rispetto a quella del 1984: Nuovi il portiere Banovic ed il terzino destro Peter Lewis, nuovo il ruolo di Brown e centrocampista dopo un anno come libero; relativamente nuovi anche i ruoli di Dowie e libero e di Campbell a terzino sinistro che, anche se l'anno scorso hanno giocato parte del campionato in queste posizioni, erano essenzialmente dei centrocampisti.

Quasi identica la situazione a centrocampo con gli arrivi di Wade e Petersen ed il ritorno di Incantalupo che l'anno scorso era stato fuori per tutti il campionato; unico "fisso" in questo reparto è Cullen mentre Miranda, l'altro centrocampista rimasto dal campionato precedente, ha prima tardato ad entrare in forma e poi ha subito l'infortunio che si prevedeva lo avrebbe tenuto inattivo per un paio di mesi tanto che il campionato si era affrettato ad accaparrarsi Petersen con il cui arrivo l'allenatore si è venuto a trovare con cinque uomini di ottimo calibro per quattro posti in squadra, cosa che non sempre è un vantaggio perché comporta il difficile "sacrificio" di un giocatore ed uno sbilancio in squadra ogni volta che uno si alinea all'altare. Specialmente gli alternanti sono Petersen e Miranda, due uomini di caratteristiche completamente diverse.

In attacco il cambiamento di impostazione con la fine del binomio Sweeney-Ward e l'avvento di Zinni al centro dell'attacco dalla sua precedente posizione di ala.

Si tratta quindi di una squadra che ha molto poco a che vedere con la Juventus del l'anno scorso e che perciò merita ampia considerazione per aver fatto il rodeggiamento per aver fatto il rodeggiamento allo stesso tempo, un quantitativo di punti sufficiente a farla trovare al terzo posto in classifica dopo sette partite di campionato.

La messa a punto della "macchina Juventus" da parte di Margaritis ovviamente non è ancora completata al punto di vederla "bruciare" su tutti i cilindri. Forse ciò potrebbe avvenire nella prossime settimane quando sarà possibile premere l'acceleratore fino in fondo senza rischiare troppo. Allora potrebbe anche darsi che Margaritis propendeva per una impostazione più da

spettacolo, magari un con Incantalupo nel suo vecchio ruolo di punta sinistra invece di quarto centrocampista. Staremo a vedere se questa squadra di grandi giocatori esplode nelle prossime settimane e diventerà una grande squadra.

Tanto per cominciare la prossima settimana la Juve andrà a far visita al George Cross, la squadra sorpresa di quest'anno, che in Latif ha un attaccante imprevedibile e pericolosissimo, il tipico "eroe della domenica" che esalta gli spettatori. La trasferta è difficile, anche se un risultato pieno non è poi impossibile.

La domenica dopo sarà la volta di ospitare l'Heidelberg, la squadra che domenica scorsa ha maciullato il Preston e che è la più seria candidata a togliere all'Hellas il titolo di campione del girone Sud. Quello sarà il vero banco di prova di questa "nuova" Juventus. Il 5 maggio sapremo quindi se i bianconeri hanno completato felicemente il rodeggiamento.

Una vittoria sul George Cross la settimana prossima porterebbe far fare un altro balzo avanti in classifica alla Juventus (9 punti) a causa degli incontri diretti Hellas-Heidelberg, rispettivamente prima e seconda con 11 e 10 punti, e Croatia-Preston, rispettivamente con 9 e 8 punti.

Fra gli altri risultati di questa settimana, da notare la prima vittoria stagionale dell'Inter Monaro (3-4 su campo del Penrith), il risultato tentacolo conseguito dal Marconi sul modesto Wollongong (1-1).

Il Brisbane City ha spuntato per 1-0 contro il fanalino di coda Footscray, mentre l'APIA è andata a perdere a Newcastle per 2-1.

Grazie a questi risultati il Marconi ha scavalcato in classifica gli eterni rivali dell'APIA e la prossima settimana, probabilmente con una formazione nuovamente al completo, cercherà di fare sgambato al forte Sydney City che lo precede in classifica di un punto.

town ha battuto il Frankston Pines per 2-3 fuori casa e il Fawkner si è sbarazzato del Knox City con un secco 4-0.

Sia Thomastown e Fawkner si trovano così a quota 6 punti e perciò l'ottima posizione per tentare la scalata alla vetta della classifica. I rossoneri di Wilson domenica prossima avranno vita dura contro il Box Hill, ma possono essera ottimisti, il Fawkner invece dovrebbe fare un sol boccone del modesto Springvale sabato prossimo.

A parte il Morwell che è una sicurezza per difendere la spada tratta lo scudetto dagli assalti del Croydon, Thomastown e Fawkner debbono ancora dimostrare se possono ambire a qualcosa più di un onorevole piazzamento. Mentre per la matricola rossa c'era un'ottima occasione, il Fawkner non può accontentarsi così facilmente.

Il campionato azzurro non nasconde di avere grosse ambizioni (scudetto e ammissione in Lega Nazionale) dopo aver mancato il grande bersaglio nelle ultime battute dello scorso campionato.

Sulla strada del Fawkner quest'anno ci sono avversari molto più formidabili dell'anno scorso: un Morwell che è indubbiamente migliorato rispetto al precedente campionato ed un Croydon che ha messo assieme una squadra di vecchi volponi.

Da parte sua il Fawkner, avendo perso Ged Bannan e Ian Tuffield che è andato in America, ha acquistato gli attaccanti Ian Loughnane e Heap, il centrocampista Quigley e il giovane difensore Jolevski; inoltre può contare su una fiera schiera di giovani talenti come Sabatino, Cicolani, Arica, Chiavelli, Bordignon, Calvitto, Varallo e Tony Schipano (cugino di "skippy").

Un parco giocatori non indifferente se si considerano gli affermati Palinkas, Cozzella, Fattore, Hobson, McLeod, Boyle, Terzini, ecc.

In campo amministrativo il comitato della Fawkner, presieduto da Carlo Caffeo e in maggior parte rinnovato rispetto all'anno scorso, ha intenzione di imbarcarsi in un programma di miglioramenti del campo di Smith Reserve con la costruzione di una tribuna, la creazione di un nuovo campo sul terreno che cerca di ottenere dalla vicina scuola, e il miglioramento dell'impianto di illuminazione per partite notturne, per una spesa totale



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## Ο ΣΙΑΠΡΩΤΟΣ ΓΙΑΝΝΗΣ ΚΟΥΡΟΣ

Θά ξεφύγουμε σήμερα λίγο από τα νέα των ομάδων μας για να αρχίσουμε με τον μεγάλο θρίαμβο του ελληνικού γκολφ Κούρου. Ο σιανπρωτός αθλητής μας όχι μόνο κέρδισε τον διεκδικητικό (Σίδνεϊ-Μελβούρνη) 960 χιλ., αλλά έκανε ρεκόρ και έσπασε το προηγούμενο το άσπαραλο Ρίγκι κατά 10 διαιρητές ώρες. Όσο και αν δεν το είδαν πολλοί από τους "φίλους" μας τους άσπαραλους με καλό μάτι, ο θρίαμβος είναι μεγάλος και γέμισε με υπερηφάνεια τους ελληνικές της άσπαραλας που τον αποθέωσαν.

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Έγραφα την περασμένη βδομάδα πως η έτιση μη "Ελλάδα" δεν ενδιαφέρθηκε να προσφοδη - σε με ένα σπασια PASS (τιμής ένεκεν) τον πρώην πετυχημένο πρόδρο μ.Α. Άνεζαζι. Έγραφα τότε ότι... Σίδνεϊ "Ολυμπιακό" θα δώσει ένα τέτοιο PASS στον κ. Άνεζαζι. Άν είναι αλήθεια τότε η σχετική ντροπή αυτής σκέψης σκεπτόμενος του Δ.Σ. της ομάδας του Μίντλ Πάρκ.

## ΠΟΙΟΣ ΘΑ ΦΑΚΙ ΠΟΙΩΝ ΣΤΟΝ ΜΗΤΑ;

Μετά την γνωστή υπόθεση των δύο παραγόντων του Μήτα (Σίμω-Ταβερνιλάδης) και που αναγκάστηκε ο πρόεδρος Σάμ Γκουόλντμους να τους σταματήσει από το Δ.Σ. αυτόματως άρχισε μία παράξενη ιστορία γύρω από το γήπεδο του Χάιντελπεργκ.

Συγκεκριμένα "κάποιοι" από το Δ.Σ. "κάρφωσαν" σε ελληνική έφημερίδα και το δημοσίευσαν ότι ο παράγων κ. Μπροντλόντ ένεργει να πείσει ο Μήτας στο γήπεδο του "Πράνκ"

Στο μεταξύ ο πρόεδρος Γκουόλντμους το διαφώνησε αλλά το κοινοτοπολιό συνεχίζεται. Πάντως οι πολλές γηρινές δεν κάνουν καλό και στο τέλος δεν γνωρίζουμε ποιος θα φάει πόνο.

## ΜΕ ΤΟ SOCCER ACTION ΣΤΟ ΧΕΡΙ

Έγραφα για ένα παράγοντα που μαυρίστηκε στις εθλογές του συλλόγου του και που τώρα οι "καλλήτοι" του τον πήραν στο Δ.Σ. και ο άνθρωπος χωρίς να δει το όνομά του χωρίς να δει το όνομα της ομάδας που είναι... παραξενεύουμε και με το SOCCER ACTION στο χέρι πήγε στο Δ.Σ. μωβόλο: -Εδώ θα γράφει για μένα; -Πού;

# JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

## ΣΕΜΙΝΑ ΖΑΤΣΤΟΠΙ ΠΟΡΑΖ

Najstariji klub Nacionalne lige Australije preživljava najveću krizu od svog osnivanja bez panike i straha. Najteže je to što sportska sreća potpuno okrenula "plavina" ledja, što ne može veselo da traje. U poslednjem kolu semina zatsstopi koji su dobili iz Brisbane JUST je pružio vrlo dobru igru i stvorio dovoljno prilika da pobedi sa nekoliko golova razlike. Međutim, ni jedna lopta nije ušla u domaću mrežu, dok je jedna pogrešno vraćena lopta kosila "plave" oba boda.

Na silu se ne dobijaju utakmice, pa i sada treba sve činiti da se razbije mauer, a to može biti već iduće nedelje.

Sa mnogo nervoze, ali i optimizma JUST dočekuje West Adelaide u nedelju 28. aprila na Schintler Reserve. Pravi navijaci neće dozvoliti da ih bilo šta spreči da pomognu svome klubu. Navijanje je mnogo znači, jer bez njega nema povratka samopouzdanja. Mladi tim JUSTA pobedio je Nunawading City sa 2:1 (1:1), ali nije se proslavio efikasnom igrom. Od desetak zlatnih prilika iskoristili su samo dva preko Dragana Janjica i Marina Oblaka iz penala.

U nedelju 28. aprila mladi tim igra predgru na Schintler Reserve protiv Frankston Pinesa.

## MAKEDONIJA POPUSTA U PRVENSTVU, PRED TRIJUMFOM U KUPU

Posle pobeđe nad George Crossom u Nacionalnom kupu, što je odvelo u finale, Makedonija je doživela svoj najveći poraz u tekucem prvenstvu. Ustavili su ih dva poraza, jer je i mladi tim izgubio sa 2:1 od Aleksandra, što je prvi poraz, koji je zbio sa prvog mesta. U četvrtak 25. aprila na ANZAC Day Makedonija se sastaje na igralistu St. Georgea u Sydneyu sa Sydney Olympicom u finalu Nacionalnog Kupa, što će biti teška utakmica, zbog čega putuje velika grupa navijača iz Melbourne, ali će u Sydneyu biti mala makedonska zajednica biti od velike pomoći "crveno-crnim". Posto oba kluba nemaju ni jedan trofej nacionalnog ranga treba očekivati ljuću i besporednu borbu.

Ali jos tezu borbu vodiće Makedonija u 8. kolu Nacionalnog prvenstva protiv Melbourne Croatia na Olympic Parku. Ni Croatia ne postize zadovoljavajuće rezultate, jer je po treći put uzastopce morala da podeli bodove posle bezvredne igre. Ali derbi susret sa Makedonijom, koji će privući rekordnu posetu, igra se uvek u plemenitom tempu. U 1. po podne igraju mladi timovi, a u 3 se sastaju prvi timovi.

## ALTONA GATE ZADOVOLJNA SE JEDNIM BODOM

DOVETON - Altona Gate/VARDAR 1:1 (1:0). Do odlaska na odmor odbrana Vardara sa Chris Talevskim, John Serovskim i Ace Petrovskim na celu, izdrala je strahovit pritisak domaćeg tima i samo jedanput je poklekula. Posle odmora bilo je lakše, ali od mnogih sansi samo je Nikola Damcevski iskoristio jednu u 65. minutu. Rezerva Vardara je sa 9 igrača, posto je sudija izbio dvojicu, izgubila sa 0:6.

Veliki derbi prve divizione igra se u subotu 27. aprila na Paisley Reserve u North Altoni izmedju Altona Gate Vardara i Doncaster Roversa.

## NOVI USPEH RINGWOOD/SRBLE

SANDRINGHAM CITY - RINGWOOD UTD./SRBIA 1:2 (0:1). Iako je igrala sa 10 igrača zadnjih 30 minuta, Ringwood/Srbija je zadobila osvetljava oba boda u gostima i ostala neporažena posle 5 kola. Jedino je slabija golrizika delo od Mordiolaca na celu tablele druge divizione. Strelci za Srbiju: Robert Erdog u 20. i William Ross u 35. minutu, dok je domaćin smanjio rezultat u 80. minutu. U 60. minutu sudija je prestrogo pokazao crveni karton Robert Erdogu iako je morao da ga zaštiti od grube odbrane. Najbolji je opet bio Miki Djuric iako je igrao povredjen. A posle njega treba pohaivati izvanrednog golimana Jimmy Milisavljevic. Sto stariji to bolje brani. Rezerva je izgubila sa 1:6, jer je igrala sa 8 igrača. Poslednji gol postigao je Bobo Cvjetkovic.

živu i neočekivanu pobeđu. Jedini gol za Sindselica postigao je Dragan Vasic iz jedanaesterca.

Sledeći protivnik Royal Richmonda je North Geelong, koji se naglo popravio, ali Sindselica uvek bolje igra u gostima nego na svom terenu. Utakmica se igra na Hume Reserve, Thompsons Road, North Geelong.

## TEZAK PORAZ "PLAVIN" U MOONLEE PONDUS

Essendon City - Springfield United 3:0 (3:0). Domaci tim predvodjen iskusnim veteranom Billy Vojtkom iskoristio je vetar da u prvom poluvremenu resi utakmicu u svoju korist. Posle odmora igra je bila iznenađena, ali "plavi" su imali bolje sanse, koje nisu znali da iskoriste.

Rezerva je takodje pretrpela tezak poraz, prvi u ovom prvenstvu. Rezerva Essendon Citya pobedila je sa 6:2 (4:2). Strelci: Zoran Djukic i Joe Francisti.

U subotu 27. aprila Springfield United dočekuje Bullen na imanju Bratstva/Jedinstva, Lot 16 Perry Road, Keysborough.

Lalor/SLOGA - Greensborough 7:0 (0:0). Veliko iznenađenje napravili su igrači Sloge, jer im je ovo prva pobeda u prvenstvu, sa kojom su se osvetili za sve poraze. Strelci: Sekula Sekulovski 2, Boge Karevski 2, Viktor Stojanovski 2 i Cele Stojanovski 1.

Rezerva je takodje pobedila sa 6:1. U subotu 27. aprila Lalor/SLOGA gostuje u Lang-warrinu.

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**SPARAGMOS**

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AIRWAYS**



# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

**ROUND 8 27-28 APRIL**

## SOUTHERN DIVISION



**CHARLIE VILLANI**

**ADELAIDE CITY  
VS  
BRISBANE LIONS**

at **OLYMPIC SPORTS FIELD**  
2.30 pm **SUNDAY**

**VICTORIAN  
YOUTH GAME**  
**FAWKNER vs  
NUNAWADING CITY**  
AT VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED

**SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS  
VS  
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS**

at **CHAPLIN RESERVE**  
3 pm **SUNDAY**

**YOUTH GAME**  
**SUNSHINE G/CROSS  
vs  
JUVENTUS AT 12.45**



**CHRIS TAYLOR**



**SCOTT PATTERSON**

**HEIDELBERG UTD  
VS  
STH MELB HELLAS**

at **OLYMPIC VILLAGE**  
3 pm **SUNDAY**

**YOUTH GAME**  
**HEIDELBERG  
VS  
STH MELB HELLAS**  
at 12.45

**MELBOURNE CROATIA  
VS  
PRESTON**

at **OLYMPIC PARK No 1**  
3 pm **SUNDAY**

**YOUTH GAME**  
**CROATIA  
vs  
PRESTON at 12.45**



**GREG HOUSE**



**GEORGE CAMPBELL**

**BRISBANE CITY  
VS  
GREEN GULLY**

at **SPENCER PARK**  
3 pm **SUNDAY**

**YOUTH GAME**  
**CROYDON CITY  
vs  
GREEN GULLY**  
AT VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED

**FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.  
VS  
WEST ADELAIDE**

at **SCHINTLER RESERVE**  
3pm **SUNDAY**

**YOUTH GAME:**  
**FOOTSCRAY  
vs  
FRANKSTON PINES**  
AT 12.45



**DON MACLEOD**

## NORTHERN DIVISION

**BLACKTOWN CITY vs CANBERRA OLYMPIANS**  
at **GABBIE STADIUM** 3 pm **SUNDAY**

**APIA LEICHHARDT vs ST GEORGE**  
at **LAMBERT PARK** 3 pm **SUNDAY**

**WOOLONGONG CITY vs NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD**  
at **WOOLONGONG SHOWGROUNDS** 3 pm **SUNDAY**

**SYDNEY CITY vs MARCONI**  
at **SYDNEY ATHLETIC FIELD** 3 pm **SUNDAY**

**INTER MONARO vs SYDNEY OLYMPIC**  
at **SEIFFERT OVAL** 3 pm **SUNDAY**

**SYDNEY CROATIA vs PENRITH CITY**  
at **KING TOMISLAV PARK** 3 pm **SUNDAY**